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M.L. CHINA	7912	T. S. Angus	3rd Nov.
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INDUS	6,357	Duchatean	25th Oct., 1900.
SYDNEY	4,232	Aubert	22nd Nov., 1900.
ANNAM	6,208	Poydonot	20th Dec., 1900.

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Current Deposit Accounts are opened, and Interest is allowed on Daily Balances from Rs. 1,000 up to Rs. 1,00,000. Rates to be learnt on Application.

Special arrangements may be obtained on Application.

Deposit Accounts are Opened for Fixed Periods at rates to be ascertained on Application.

Drafts and Letters of Credit issued payable at any of the Chief Commercial Towns of the World.

The Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris beg to draw the attention of Travellers to its Letter of Credit Department in Paris at the Branch Office, 2, Place de l'Opera, in the very centre of the fashionable quarter of Paris, on the Boulevards facing the Grand Opera, and within easy reach of the principal Hotels, Theatres, and Shops.

Writing and Reading Rooms, Telephone, all necessary arrangements for receiving and despatching Correspondence, exchanging Money, letting Safes or parts thereof, wherein travellers can deposit valuables which they do not wish to keep in the Hotels, further, Strong Rooms for the storage of heavy luggage, etc.

Dividends, Coupons, etc., on Government Paper, and other Stocks Cashed for Customers without charge, if remitted Home through the Bank.

Loans and Cash Credits granted on Government Paper, Gold, Silver, etc.

W. LLEWELLYN, Manager.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL..........£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..........£1,125,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL..................£562,5000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS..........£562,500

HEAD OFFICE:
40, Threadneedle Street, London, E. C.

LONDON BANKERS:
The Bank of England.
The London Joint Stock Bank.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, KURRACHEE COLOMBO, KANDY, GALLE, SINGAPORE, HONG-KONG and SHANGHAI.

The Bank negotiates and collects Bills and grants Drafts payable at its Head Office and Branches, and issues Letters of Credit for the use of Travellers.

The Bank receives Deposits on the following terms:—

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. on the daily balance if not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000. Sums over Rs. 1,00,000 will be received on terms to be ascertained on application.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Rates for Fixed deposits for 12 months and shorter periods to be ascertained on application.

The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks and Shares, and receives same for safe custody, realising interest and dividends when due.

JAMES MURDOCH, Manager.

22, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... Yens 24,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL.............. 18,000,000
RESERVE FUND.................. 8,000,000

HEAD OFFICE:—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Tokio, Kobe, Nagasaki, London, Lyons, New York San Francisco, Hawaii, Shanghai, Hongkong, and Tientsin.

BANKERS—The LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK

The UNION BANK of LONDON, AND THE PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

LIBERAL INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSITS, on Terms to be learnt on application.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on JAPAN, and the Chief Commercial places in the World.

T. TAKAMICHI, Acting Manager.

Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—CALCUTTA.

BRANCHES:—BOMBAY, KARACHI, LAHORE, LONDON, MADRAS, RANGOON AND RAWAL PINDEE.

SUB-BRANCHES:—MURREE, (April to October) and AMRITSAR.

DEPOSIT AGENCIES:—

Messrs. SINCLAIR MURRAY & Co.—Narayangunj.
Messrs. SCHRODER SMIDT & Co.—Digha Ghat, Dinapur, Patna
Mr. GILBERT FINLAYSON—Sewan, Bankipore & Chapra
H. FREDERICHSON, Esq.—Raj Nandgaon (Raipur, C. P.)
Messrs. LALLA GUNGARAM CHOONILALL.—Mhow.
MOOCHOOL SHAH, Esq.—Poona.
MANIBHAI JEYSINGBHAI HATHEESING, Esq.—Ahmedabad.
Messrs. CHUNIBHAI DAYABHAI VAKILNAH & Co.—Surat

CAPITAL PAID UP—Rs. 40,00,000

RATES OF INTEREST allowed are as under—

STERLING DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS for home remittances 4 per cent. per annum.

FIXED DEPOSITS:—

9 to 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
2 years at 5½ per cent. per annum.
3 years at 6 per cent. per annum.

The Bank will also at the Head Office or at any of the Branches in India, transfer sums for DEPOSIT in London, carrying interest from date of transfer in India.

Special Rates are given for SHORT PERIOD DEPOSITS. At present they are—

For 2 and 3 months, at 4 per cent. per annum.

Sums as small as Rs. 10 are received into the Bank's PRUDENTIAL FUND, bearing half-yearly compound interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

Cheques, Bills, Hundies and Currency Notes of any Circle are collected and credited free of charge in the above INTEREST DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS receive 2 per cent. per annum upon the daily balances.

Apply for RULES to HEAD OFFICE or BRANCHES.

By Order of the Board,

F. D. STRANACK, Manager.

Oriental Buildings, Bombay, 1st May, 1900.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid up Capital..........................$ 100,00,000
Sterling Reserve Fund.................$ 100,00,000
Silver Reserve Fund....................$ 20,00,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.......$ 100,00,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS AND HEAD OFFICE IN HONGKONG:

SIR THOMAS JACKSON, *Chief Manager*.

London Bankers.—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LD.,

LONDON COMMITTEE:

WM. ANASTASIUS JONES, Esq., (Director of the London and County Banking Co., Limited.)
CARL MEYER, Esq., (Director, National Bank, Egypt).
G. E. NOBLE, Esq., 34 Inverness Terrace, Bayswater, W.
WM. GAIR RATHBONE, Esq., (Director, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.

SIR EWEN CAMERON, K.C.M.G. } Managers.
JOHN WALTER, Esq. }

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES, LONDON, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI.

AMOY.	HANKOW.	PENANG.
BANGKOK.	HIOGO.	RANGOON.
BATAVIA.	ILOILO.	SAIGON.
BOMBAY.	LYONS.	SANFRANCISCO
CALCUTTA.	MANILA.	SINGAPORE.
COLOMBO.	NAGASAKI.	SOURABAYA.
FOOCHOW.	NEW YORK.	TIENTSIN.
HAMBURG.	PEKING.	YOKOHAMA.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 1 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance if not under Rs. 1,000, and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000; but no interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 5 half-yearly.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Are received for 12 months at 4 per cent per annum and for shorter periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every Description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

W. B. THOMSON, Agent

47, ChurchGate Street, Bombay

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NOTICES.

THE ASSOCIATED EXCHANGE BANKS.

THE ASSOCIATED EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED on MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th Instant, being PUBLIC HOLIDAYS under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the RIGHT to PLY a STEAM FERRY between Bombay and the following places:—

URAN, HOG ISLAND, ULWA, MANDWA, KARANJA, REWAS, AND DHARAMTAR;

for a period of five years.

The terms of the Contract may be seen on calling at the office of the Collector of Kolaba at Alibag, or the Collector of Bombay, Customs House.

Tenders will be received so as to reach the Collector upto 30th October, 12 noon.

H. W. J. BAGNELL,
Collector, Kolaba.

Alibag, 9th October 1900.

THE MAHABOOB SHAHI KULBURGA MILLS Co., Ld.

AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at Shapoorwadi on FRIDAY the 26th October, 1900 at 5 p.m. to transact the following business:—

1. To adopt the Director's Report and Audited Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1899.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditor or Auditors for the year 1900.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

S. E. CHENAI,
Secretary Treasurer and Agent.

N. B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th October, 1900 to 1st November, 1900, both days inclusive.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 705 OF 1899.

MERWANJEE MUNCHERJEE CAMA and HORMUSJEE MUNCHERJEE CAMA, both of Bombay, Parsee inhabitants, the former residing at Pedder Road, without the Fort of Bombay, and the latter at Nepean Sea Road, without the Fort of Bombay......Plaintiffs.

vs.

NOWROJEE NUSSERWANJEE THOONTHI, also of Bombay, Parsee inhabitant, residing at Shaik Abdul Rehman Street, without the Fort of Bombay......Defendant.

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute made in the above Suit and bearing date the 14th day of June, 1900, the following immoveable property will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, by the Commissioner of this Hon'ble Court, at his office, in the Court House, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of November, 1900, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

PARTICULARS.

All the estate, right, title and interest of the abovenamed Plaintiffs and the defendant in the following property, viz:—

All that piece of Batty ground situate at or near Camateepura or the Cross Road leading to the Grant Road in the Island of Bombay and containing by admeasurement thirty thousand square feet, be the same, little more or less, and bounded on the North by the property formerly of Mr. Tanner but now by the property of Essa Fudla, on the South by the Foras Road, on the East by the property formerly of Nowrojee Shapurjee Oomreigar, but now of the Napier Foundary, and on the West by the property formerly of Burjorjee Sorabjee Lyawalla but now by the property of Hajee Adam Seedick and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Nos. 43 and 45 and 1 to 4 and Ward No. 2968 to 2967 and 2967 and by the Collector of Land Revenue under No.......and which premises are situate in the sub-district of the Registrar of Bombay.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Mr. Kharshedjee D. Shroff, Attorney for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at No. 13, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.—Dated, this 27th day of September, 1900.

J. J. GAZDAR,
Acting Commissioner.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 707 OF 1899.

MERWANJEE MUNCHERJEE CAMA and HORMUSJEE MUNCHERJEE CAMA, both of Bombay, Parsee Inhabitants, the former residing at Peddar Road and the latter at Nepean Sea Road without the Fort of Bombay......Plaintiffs.

vs.

NOWROJEE NESSERWANJEE THOONTHI, also of Bombay Parsee Inhabitant, residing at Shaikh Abdul Rehman street, without the Fort of Bombay......Defendant.

PURSUANT to the DECREE Absolute made in the above Suit and bearing date the 14th day of June, 1900, the following immoveable property will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION by the Commissioner of this Hon'ble Court, at his Office, in the Court House, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of November, 1900, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon.

PARTICULARS

All the estate, right, title and interest of the abovenamed Plaintiffs and Defendant in the following property:—

All that piece or parcel of Fazendari land or ground containing by admeasurement 120 square yards or thereabouts together with the messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, standing thereon, situate, lying and being without the Fort of Bombay, in Abdool Rehman Street, or Bottlewala Moholla, on the North side thereof and bounded as follows:—On the East by a Sweeper's passage, on the West by the Public Road called Abdool Rehman Street, on the North by the house of Framjee Ruttonjee Oomrigar, and on the South by the house of Nowrojee Nesserwanjee Thoonthi and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of Hormusjee Dorabjee Daroowalla and his tenants and are now in that of the said Nowrojee Nesserwanjee Thoonthi and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under B Ward No. 288, and Street No. 371.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Mr KHARSEDJEE D. SHROFF, Attorney for the Plaintiffs abovenamed, at No. 13, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay—Dated this 1st day of October, 1900.

J. J. GAZDAR,
Acting Commissioner.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 402 OF 1899.

CHUNILAL DAMODARDASS ......Plaintiff.

vs.

BAI GULAB, widow of KASSIDAS RAMDASS ......Defendant

PURSUANT to the decree made in the above Suit and bearing date the 26th day of January 1900, the following immoveable property will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION by the Commissioner of this Honorable Court on the premises, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of November 1900, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon

PARTICULARS.

All the estate, right, title and interest of the plaintiff abovenamed as the Sole Surviving Son of DAMODARDAS CAHANDAS and of the Defendant abovenamed Widow and Executrix of the last Will and testament of KASIDAS RAMDAS in all that piece or parcel of Fazendari land or ground, of which Wassodeo Withoji is the Fazendar together with the message, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate on the southern side of Third Bhoiwada Street without the Fort wall of Bombay, in the Registration Sub district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 16 feet in breadth and 70 feet in length or thereabouts and bounded as follows:—That is to say on or towards the East by the house of Zeena Muccon, on or towards the West by the house formerly of Pranjivan Shanker and now of Vijbhookhandas Pranjivandas, on or towards the North by the public road called 3rd Bhoiwada, and on the South by a passage for sweepers and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 4, Ward No. 5395, and Street Nos. 87 89, and which is now in the possession of the Plaintiff abovenamed as Receiver appointed in the said suit No. 402 of 1899.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made at the office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. BHAISHANKER AND KANGA, Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed, at Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.—Dated this 19th day of September, 1900.

A. K. OLIVER,
Commissioner.

THE BOMBAY TELEPHONE Co., LD.

OFFICES: ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE.

THE Company has a LARGE and VARIED STOCK of TELEPHONES of the latest and most approved designs.

Office and Domestic Telephones for indoor use.

Perfected General Inter-communication Telephones for large Offices, Warehouses, Hotels, &c.

Railway Telephones for Railway Signal Work.

Mining and Engine House Telephones.

Portable Military or Field Telephones, for Rifle Ranges and field operations in temporary or standing camps.

Telephone accessories and material of every description kept in stock. Estimates furnished for Installations and instructions given for erection and maintenance, or undertaken, if desired.

The Company also SUPPLY Electric Bells, Indicators, Pushes, Lightning conductors, Medical Induction Coils, &c.

For terms, and particulars apply to the

SECRETARY.

ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE AND PRICE LIST POST FREE.

BOMBAY BANK AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	10 p. c. 2 bon.	1,242 1-2
Bank of Bengal	40,000	00	all	10 pr. ct.	1,220
Bank of Madras	110,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,020
Commercial Bank of India	10,000 / 15,000	100	100 / 75	nil	65
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	£6	all	3 pr. ct.	9
Charter Bank	40,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£29 1-2
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-10-0	1
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12 1-2	8 pc. ct.	300

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Half yearly.	Cash Rate.
Ahmedabad Advantage	70	1,000	000	Nil	190
Alliance	1,500	1,100	all		15
Anglo-Indian	1,315	..	0	Nil	om.
Assur Veerjee Mill Ltd	In all 2000 Shares of which 1002 have been all lotted.	Rs. 500 each	Fully paid up	Rs. 25 12 1-2	
Aurangabad S & M. Co., Ld.		1,000	1,000		60
Bellary S.&W. Co., Ld. (Bellary)	971	60	all	9 per ct.	1,000
Berar Manfg Co., Ld	2,750	550,000	200	12 1-2	170
Bombay United	90	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	90	500	500	dvdR. 30	180
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	500	1,000	,000	—	90
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	d dRs.50	00
Bombay Woollen Manfg. Co. Ltd	650	1,000	1,000	10 per ct.	1,000
Central India	1,000	500	50	dvdRs.50	1,900
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.30	450
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.25	660
Coimbatore S. and W.	6,000	100	00	9 pr ct.	1
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	25	500
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	Rs. 10	350
Coorla Mills	[illegible]	1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	[illegible]
Currimbhoy Mills	80	1,000	1,000	dvdRs60	605
David Mill	1,400	500	500	dvdRs30	260
Dhulia Ginning and Pressing Co., Ld.	400	250	all	dvdRs20	260
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	100
Empress	2,100	500	500	Nil	250
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	Nil	275
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	Nil	325
Hingunghat Mills	700	500	500	40	670
Howard and Bulloughs	1,500	500	500	25	490
Hope Mills	500	1,000	1,000	30	350
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	30	1,150xd
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Nil	15
Indian Manfg	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	470
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld.	700	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 50	400
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	Nil	400
Jaffer Alli	600	500	500	dvdRs 20	220
Jamshed Manufacturing Co	1,800	250	250	dvd 5	130
Jewraj Balloo	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	425
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld	3,430	1,000	1,000	20	300
Khandeish	7,500	1,500	1,000	dvdRs65	700
Khangaum Manfg. Co.	11,000	250	250	65	500xd
Khatao Makunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs25	450
Krishna Mills Ld	1,218	500	—	dvdRs82	570
Leopold	3,500	100	108	dvdRs10	155xd
Lord Reay Mfg	445	1,000	1,000	30	110
Lakmidas Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	550
Madras United	356	1,000	1,000	Rs 100	2,825
Mahaluxmee	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	75
Mahboob Shah Mills (Gulburga)	8,400	500	500	5 pr ct.	...
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dvd40	1,810xd
Mohanlal K. Parekh G & Mfg Co. Ld., Amraoti	300	100	115	dvdRs15	67½
Mazagon	5,000	250	...	Nil	1,490
Morarji Goculdass	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvdRs35	160
Mysore S & M. Co., Ld	4,000	250	250	Nil	...
Madura Mills	7,779	100	100	Nil	pa 52
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	
New Great Eastern	11,400	1,000	1,000	Nil	240
Presidency Mills. Co. (Ld).	742	1,	1,000 / 1,000	Nil / Rs30	560 / 560
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs5	800
Ripon Mills	600	1,000			
Saaraswati Mills	1,250	500	500	Nil	500 / 500
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	17[illegible]0xd
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	Nil	85
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil	
Southern Mahratta	1,212	250	250	Nil	245
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,300	250	250	Nil	160
Standard Mills Co.	1,000	500	500	Nil	220
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	66
Swadeshi Mills	4,000	500	500	dvdR22½	550
Sassoon and Alliance	3,000	500	500	Nil	310
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	25
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	
Venishunker Lukhmishunker Mill Co. Ld.	900	500	500	Nil	410xd
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	290
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	Nil	
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co., Ld.	400	50	all	dvdR-	

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. R. Consolidated Stock	...	£100	...	...	...
B. B. & C. I. R. Co. New £12 Shares	—	£10	...	...	...
Ahmedabad Prantej Ry.	500	00	—	5 pr. ct.	700
Tapti Valley Ry. Co.	600	500	...	4 pr. ct.	472 1-2

PRESS COMPANIES.

				Yearly.	
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	125	1,300x
Albert Ginning Co.	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	41
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100	Rs. 80	800
Bellary	167	1,000	1,000	dv Rs 20	160xd
Bhownugger City Press & Manfg. Co. Ld	550	250	250	25	275
Bombay Cotton	1,000	125	125	Nil.	65
Breulee Cawnpore Press Co., Ld	500	200	200	dvdR30	165
Broach City Press Co., Ld	600	200	200	dv Rs 20	200xd
Colaba	500	1,880	1,880	dvdRs 15	310
East India	350	1,000	1,000	125	1,325
English Press and Manfg	400	200	...	dvd Rs 9	60
Fort	150	8,300	500	dvd Rs20	650
French	300	500	500	dvd Rs40	425
Harvey and Sabapathy	450	450	500	dvdRs35	340xd
Hingoli Press Co., Ld	700	100	100	Rs 17	125xd
Khangaum	240	450	450	dvdRs 80	450
Bahuva Press Co., Ld	300	200	all	15 pr. ct.	22[illegible]
Ahmadpura Cotton G. and P. Co., Ld	300	500	500	53	55
Mercantile	600	125	125	dvd Rs 5	42½
Mofussil Co	125	400	400	dvd Rs35	415
Munmar M	000	250	all	dvd Rs20	180
New Berar	00	500	500	dvd Rs50	550
New Indian	00	125	125	dv Rs12½	150
Prince of Wales	100	500	00	20	1 5
Sabapathy (Bellary)	500	500	[illegible]70	30	300xd
Sassoon	300	500	500	20	340xd / 585
Sind and Punjab Co.	100	1,000	1,000	125	1725
Sind	400	2,000	750	20	325
Sorab Woollen Mills	200	250	250	Nil.	
Surat City Press Co., Ld.	37	200	all	1	
Volkart	...	000	—	Rs 80	1010

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay 17th October.

1. There will be 40 pr. R M L Gun drill at the Town Hall Compound and Nesbit Road Head-quarters on Thursday next at 8-45 p.m.

2. A pair horse brake will leave the Corps Club for Byculla at 8-15 p.m. on Thursday returning to the Fort at 10-30 p.m.

3. There will be Morris Tube Practice at the Nesbit Road Head-quarters on the 21st instant from 8-45 a.m.

4. The Corps Tailor will be present at the Drills of No 1 Company every Tuesday evening and of No 2 Company every Thursday evening. All members who have not yet been measured for their uniforms are requested to attend, and members whose uniforms require alteration are requested to bring them with them.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Capt. R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 55m, Sun sets, 5h. 35m. High water, 7-4m., 7-28a. Low water, 0-4m., 1-39a.
Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p.m.
Gymkhana Mounted Sports.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.—Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, presides at the sitting of the Insolvent Debtors' Court this morning.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Ceylon, Singapore, China, Japan and Australia, per s. s. Annam, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p. m., to-day.—No mails for conveyance from Bombay by P. and O. Steamer for Colombo, the Strait Settlements, China, Japan and Australia will be despatched on the 23rd instant.—Mails for the abovenamed places to connect with the P. and O. contract steamer, due to leave Colombo on the 29th instant, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p. m., on Monday, the 22nd instant, for despatch via Tuticorin.

BURGLARY AT THE BOMBAY STATIONERY MART.—Mr. Hassanali Abdulali, proprietor of the Bombay Stationery Mart, at Parsee Bazaar Street, Fort, has reported to the police that on opening the shop on Monday morning, it was discovered that three wooden cash boxes had been removed from the cashier's table and taken into the store room, where they had been broken open and currency notes and cash of the value of Rs. 460 stolen. On the examination of the premises, it was discovered that an entrance had been effected by removing an iron bar from a window, facing the sweeper's gully, at the back of the place.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Chandria Mahadu, aged twenty, an old offender, was charged by Mr. Munshi Hassan Mahomed, a Station House Officer, B. B. and C. I. Railway, with stealing a beetle-nut bag from the pocket of one Jaichund Rupchand. About 9 o'clock on Monday night complainant was on the platform of the Churney Road station waiting for a train to proceed to Surat, when accused came from behind and removed the bag from his pocket. Complainant turned round and saw the accused running away towards the Churney Road overbridge with the bag in his hand. He was pursued by the railway police and arrested on the bridge. The accused, who was a young man, had a record of three previous convictions against him. He was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.

CHARGE AGAINST A HAIR CUTTER.—On Monday at the Esplanade Police Court, Mr. Rustom D. Wadia, Barrister-at-law, appeared before Mr. M. A. Jinnah and applied for a warrant against Nicnola Azzolline, who was said to be lately an employe in the Pall Mall Hair Cutting Saloon. The complainant, the managing proprietor of the Bombay Cycle Agency, stated in his information that the accused came to him on the 11th instant and representing to him that he was going to stay here for about ten months more in the employ of the Pall Mall Hair Cutting Saloon, induced complainant to deliver to him a John Jones's English gold-watch valued Rs. 300. Accused, however, suddenly left for Egypt on the preceding day without giving intimation to the complainant about his departure or paying the value of the watch. The magistrate ordered a warrant and a search warrant to issue against Azzolline; and on the application of Mr. Wadia, ordered a telegram to be sent to the Aden authorities to arrest the accused at Aden.

FATAL FALL OFF A WINDOW.—An inquiry was held yesterday afternoon at Carpenter Street, Mazagon, by Mr. P. Byrne, the coroner, on the body of Cursetbai, a Parsi widow, aged seventy-one years. The deceased had been for the last several years, subject to elephantiasis, which brought on fever off and on. She resided at Dhobie Talao, and for the last ten days she had been attending to the daughter of her niece, who was ill. This aggravated the deceased's old complaint and two days ago she was attacked with fever, which increased in severity and on Monday she was delirious. About 3 o'clock yesterday morning a policemen while going on his rounds along Carpenter Street heard the noise of a fall in a gully and on going up to the spot he noticed the deceased lying on the stone pavement, bleeding from a wound on the head. The sepoy aroused the residents of the house and the deceased was taken into her room, where she expired in a few minutes. The room in which deceased slept was over the gully with two windows overlooking it, and it was evident that she fell over one of them during fever delirium. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

SUICIDE OF A WOMAN.—Mr. P. Byrne, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at Memonwada Road, regarding the death of Gungabai, a Hindu woman, aged seventeen years, the wife of a carpenter, who resides in the above locality. It appears that on the 12th instant, a Bania grocer, who lived next door, accused the deceased of having stolen his ornaments of the value of Rs. 28 and of misbehaving herself with another man. The grocer also reported the matter to the police and had her room searched. The stolen ornaments were not recovered, but when the deceased's husband returned home in the evening, the neighbour complained to him of his wife's misconduct. The deceased denied the charge, which she said had been trumped up by the Bania out of spite. The Bania abused her and gave her a bad name. After the Bania had left, the husband reprimanded the wife and told her not to leave the house during his absence. They then took their meals and the next morning the deceased was found missing from home. The husband reported her disappearance to the police, and on Monday afternoon her body was found in a well at the back of the house. The body was decomposed, but all the ornaments which she had on her person when last seen, were safe. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL NURSING FUND.

THE following subscriptions and donations have been promised:—

Subscriptions.	Rs.	a.	p.
St Thomas' Cathedral	60	0	0
Messrs Cory Bros	100	0	0
F A Prevost, Esq	25	0	0
Donations.			
The Standard Oil Co.	150	0	0
Frank Ritchie Esq	100	0	0
Kawasji Dadabhoy Dubash	50	0	0
Offertory Free Church of Scotland	96	13	0
Do English Church Ahmednagar	25	0	0

A LEGAL STORY.

EVEN the most experienced advocates sometimes find themselves placed in awkward and humorous predicaments, and a good story of such a situation is told (says the "Liverpool Post") by a well-known local barrister against himself. He was conducting a case in the County Court, where his client's reputation, let alone his money, was a stake. It occurred to him, in the course of his powerful appeal to the bench on behalf of his client, to quote the lines, "Who steals my purpose, steals trash: but he that filches from me my good name," &c. Unfortunately the judge was old and deaf and did not catch the observation. "What is that you say, Mr.——?" he anxiously inquired, putting his hand up to his ear, and leaning forward. The unhappy advocate repeated his quotation. "Very sorry, I cannot hear what you say, Mr——." Here the usher, who was standing by the judge, thought it time to interfere, so he shouted out, "Please, your Honour, Mr.——says as how anyone as steals his purse will get nowt."

PROFESSOR RICHARD.

SCIENTIFIC Specialist, established permanently, for the Cure of General Diseases and Infirmities without exception. One Consulting Visit at the Consulting Rooms, including advice, £1 or Rs. 15, and at the patient's private residence, first visit, not exceeding one hour, £3 or Rs. 45. All Fees are Payable Cash in Advance, Ash Lane, Currency Bank, Bombay. A thirteen-page interesting Pamphlet given Free on Application, or sent Free by Post. Special Terms may be made to undertake a case by contract.

NOTICE.

POONA RACES.

17th, and 20th October, 1900.

Special Trains will run from and to Bombay.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Poona, 2nd Oct.

FLORILINE.—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH. A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produce a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. The Fragrant "Floriline" being composed in part of honey and sweet herbs is delicious to the taste and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s. 6d. of all Chemists and Perfumers, Wholesale; Depot, 18, Farringdon Road, London, England.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

ALLEGED GERMAN ULTIMATUM.

ALLIES CAPTURE PEI-TANG FORTS.

AMERICA DETERMINES TO WITHDRAW.

(From the mail papers of Sept. 21 to 28.)

THE Shanghai correspondent of the "Morning Post" sends two remarkable despatches to his journal He says in a message dated Tuesday:—Count von Waldersee is expected to arrive at Taku to-day. It is understood that he will immediately present an ultimatum demanding the surrender of the five leaders of the anti-foreign rising. A few hours' grace only will be allowed. If compliance with the demand is not then signified war will be declared. Germany taking the fullest advantage of being in the position of the only Power at war with China, is expected to seize Wu-sung and the Kia-ngan Arsenal, so as to enable her to dominate Shanghai and also to take possession of the Kiang-yin forts, which command the Yangtse. Such action on the part of the Germans would constitute a most serious menace to British interests. The information on which I base these statements comes from a trustworthy source.

In a later message the same correspondent states:—I have the best reason for believing that Count von Waldersee's ultimatum was arranged here. After a few hours' grace war will be formally declared, and Germany, taking advantage of her position as a belligerent, will proceed to seize everything available. It will be quite possible with the force here, aided by the strong fleet, to take the Wu-sung forts and the Kia-ngan arsenal, and also to attack the King-yin forts on the Yangtse from the land side. It is also regarded as possible to seize the Chinese Fleet, including the valuable new cruisers.

Failing this, Germany will at least occupy all the Kiang-su province north of the Yangtse, thereby controlling the north bank at the mouth of the river and establishing a strong claim to the hinterland, including the northern half of the Yangtse basin. The French will support Germany. This is not a Shanghai rumour, but reliable information, and will be probably confirmed at the Foreign Office. Prompt action is necessary to prevent the intended coup.

A CONTRADICTION.

The Press Association has made inquiry in high quarters concerning the report that Germany has presented or is about to present an ultimatum to China, and that in the event of non-compliance with her demands in the course of a few hours she will declare war and immediately seize the forts and arsenals commanding Shanghai and the Yangtse, thereby "seriously menacing British interests." Authorisation is given to the Press Association to state that the story is not justified by facts. It is fully believed in the quarters referred to that the news has been transmitted and published in good faith but that the story has been concocted in Shanghai with the deliberate and mischievous intention of causing friction between Germany and England, and thereby to stave off or prevent united action which alone can secure the exaction of well-merited penalties for recent outrages upon foreigners in China and bring about a state of affairs removing or minimising the risk of recurrence of those outrages.

CHINA DETERMINED TO FIGHT: PRINCE TUAN'S THREATS.

The Shanghai correspondent of the "Standard" states that the Chinese officials there report that Prince Tuan has issued a secret Edict, in the name of the Dowager-Empress, in which all the high authorities throughout the Empire are informed that the Imperial Court has decided to continue the war against the foreign Powers, whatever the cost. The Edict threatens that any officials who does not support the Manchus will be beheaded as a traitor, his whole family destroyed, and the tombs of his ancestors demolished.

Washington, Wednesday.—Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister, says that he does not accept as true the report that Prince Tuan has been appointed President of the Grand Council. The post is never occupied by a Prince of the Blood.—Central News.

FRENCH OPINION.

Paris, September 26.—The "Matin" to-day says:—We are informed that for some time past a very active exchange of communications has taken place between the Foreign Offices. The Russian proposal has been amended by force of circumstances. The German proposal has been accepted in principle by all the Powers except the United States, but cannot be put into force immediately. Besides, M. Delcasse is said to have addressed a kind of memorandum to the Powers fixing three or four essential points in the intervention treaty. These are:—(1) The dismantling of the forts at treaty ports. (2) The occupation of strategic points until guarantees demanded are carried out. (3) The manner in which the guilty parties are to be punished.

Lastly, and most important of all, prohibition of the trade in arms and ammunition with the Chinese. The "Matin" adds:—"The annexation of Manchuria will necessarily occasion an exchange of explanations. At present nothing definite has been done. Everything is subordinate to the intervention treaty. If, moreover, an understanding should be impossible, France has in her hand the portion which has been assigned to her, but she prefers with all the Powers to adhere to the principle of the territorial integrity of China."—Reuter.

ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES.

VIRTUAL RETIREMENT FROM THE CONCERT.

The Government of the United States has defined its position regarding China. In reply to the Russian note it says that it has no present intention of withdrawing its Legation from Peking. It is further indisposed to accept Germany's suggestion that China should first surrender to the Powers for punishment, as a preliminary to negotiation, those persons whom the Powers regard as the Boxer leaders. At the same time it holds their punishment as essentially a condition, of negotiation, though it seems only just that China should first be afforded an opportunity of taking these punitive measures of rehabilitating herself. Mr. Conger has been appointed American peace negotiator with Li Hung and Prince Ching.

Simultaneously with the formal disclosure of the intention of the United States to pursue an independent policy in China, which is made clear through the publication of the text of the replies to Germany, Russia, and China, comes the determination immediately to increase the United States naval strength in Asiatic waters. This is made known by orders sending the battleship Kentucky, the cruiser Albany, and the gunboats Nashville, Wilmington, Annapolis, and Dorothea to the Asiatic station. This move (says the Washington correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph") has in a sense overshadowed the announcement of the virtual withdrawal of the United States from the Concert of the Powers, for that had been discounted in advance.

Cologne, September 24.—The "Koelnische Zeitung" to-day publishes the following from its Berlin correspondent:—"The Washington Cabinet in its reply to the German Notes makes a manifest effort to assist the Chinese Government to accept the proposal made in regard to the question of punishment. It would be a mistake, however, to conclude from this indulgent disposition that American interests called for a less careful protection than those of the other great civilised nations. The vigorous and exemplary punishment of the guilty counsellors of the Chinese Court would be in accordance with both American trade interests and the interests of missionary work, which has been more prominent in the case of America than in that of other Powers. But the United States are compelled to be indulgent owing to the unfavourable effect produced on the situation in the Philippines by the departure of American troops to take part in the operations in China. For a settlement between the Powers and China it makes no difference whether America co-operates any further or not. Forces sufficient to meet all emergencies remain available to secure the expiation demanded by the civilised world." The correspondent adds: "Up to the present Great Britain and Russia have not replied to the German circular, but the reply of France, which is entirely favourable, has been received. This might have been anticipated from the first, as M. Delcasse in the despatch already published took up a position, which exactly coincided with the views expressed in the German Note. The replies of the members of the Triple Alliance are equally favourable with that of France."—Reuter.

THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS.

Washington, Saturday.—The following instructions have been given by President McKinley:—First, that all American troops in China be withdrawn except one regiment of infantry, one squadron of cavalry, and one battery of artillery; secondly, that during the American Minister's stay in Peking these troops are to remain with him and accompany him wherever he goes; thirdly, that peace negotiations commence at once. Mr. McKinley recognises Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching as peace commissioners. Fourthly, that all marines be withdrawn to their vessels. All troops and marines withdrawn will be sent to the Philippines. Mr. John W. Foster, an ex-Secretary of State, will be one of the members of the American Peace Commission.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF RUSSIAN TROOPS.

IMPERIAL DECREE.

St. Petersburg, September 24.—The "Official Messenger" to-day publishes an Imperial order regarding the departure of the Imperial Legation and of the Imperial troops from Peking, and the transfer of Russian subjects from Peking to Tientsin which was communicated to the officials concerned by telegrams despatched on the 25th and 26th August. The "Official Messenger" says:—"The order was only received on the 5th inst. by the Russian Minister to China, and by the Commander of the Russian troops on the 6th inst. in consequence of the irregularity of telegraphic and mail communication from Taku. M. de Giers and Lieutenant-General Linevitch immediately took the measures necessary for the execution of the above-mentioned Imperial order. Some members of the Imperial Legation, as well as the first portion of the expeditionary detachment, started immediately for Tientsin. The departure of the remaining troops would take place gradually, and would be completely effected as soon as local conditions permitted."—Reuter.

PEI-TANG FORTS STORMED BY THE ALLIES.

GARRISON ESCAPES IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

Taku, September 20.—An allied force of 4,000 Russians, 3,000 Germans, 1000 French, and detachment of Austrian Marines, commenced an attack on Peitang forts at daylight to-day. The bombardment was answered briskly from the forts. The cannonade continued until noon, but after ten o'clock it was noticed that no reply was made. The allied commanders sent to discover the reason for this silence. The forts were then found to be deserted. The bodies of only four Chinamen were lying in the works.

The Allies were much chagrined at the escape of the Chinese, because they believed that they had the place completely surrounded and the retreat of the garrion completely cut of. Yet over 3,000 men got away in broad daylight. The Russian artillery fire had proved effective and the forts were badly damaged.

The British an Italians had decided to join in the attack, but did not arrive in time. The allied troops lost three men killed and fifty wounded owing to the explosion of mines on the line of march.—Reuter.

Washington, September 22.—The following despatch has been received here from Admiral Remey, dated Taku yesterday:—"A force of Russians Germans, and Austrians advanced on Pei-tang forts last night. Fire was opened by the Chinese and kept up all night at intervals. The forts were evacuated at nine in the morning. The Europeans hoisted their colours over the forts at eleven. Twenty-five Russians and Germans are reported to have been blown up by a mine. According to information from Commander Wise, who followed the troops into the forts only five Chinese were killed."—Reuter.

Berlin, Monday.—The Shanghai correspondent of the "Lokalanzeiger" says that in the first attack on the Pei-tang forts the Russians lost 300 men by the explosion of a mine.—Central News.

Berlin, Monday.—The "Lokalanzeiger's" Shanghai correspondent says that the Chinese maritime and fortified ports and the Yangts ports are being closely watched by the international fleet. German warships are at the Yangtse mouth. The Gefion is going to Foochow to prevent the landing of arms or ammunition.—Central News.

AN ANGLO-AMERICAN SUCCESS.

PEI-TA-CHU CAPTURED.

The Secretary of State for India has received the following telegram from Sir A Gaselee:—

Peking, September 19. A joint Anglo-American expedition of 1,500 men with four guns, about half British, proceeded to Liu-Ko-Chao on the 16th, and thence by a night march got in rear of the Boxers' headquarters at Pei-ta-Chu, the well-known eight temples 12 miles west of Peking. The Boxers were completely surprised, and lost about 50 men. Our casualties were nil. In the evening a squadron 1st Bengal Lancers and Sappers went on to Sankarten and destroyed the new Arsenal there. No opposition. On the 18th the Americans and bulk of British troops returned to quarters. Two hundred men remain at Pei-ta-Chu with Sir Claude Macdonald for a few days.

The place described in the above despatch as Sankarten is probably San-ai-tien.

THE TUNG CHOW EXPLOSION.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN HILL.

Captain Hill has succumbed to the injuries he received in the explosion at Tung-Chow. It is now stated that the explosion was caused by the careless handling and hammering of the powder cases.

The following details of the accident are contained in the report furnished by Major Scott, who commanded the British force. The victims formed portions of a fatigue party under Captain Hill, who with Captain Fairfax was employing them to remove boxes of powder from a magazine in the temple to a safe place, where it was spread out on the ground and burned. The boxes were carried under the supervision of a line of sentries to where the remainder of the party carefully opened them. When it was spread out the powder was unaccountably ignited and the explosion occurred. The sufferings of the victims were terrible. The America and Japanese doctors rendered valuable assistance.

COUNT VON WALDERSEE.

ARRIVAL AT SHANGHAI.

Field Marshal von Waldersee arrived at Shangha on Friday. He landed on the French Concession and was met by the new German Minister, Dr. Mumm von Schwarzenstein and General Creagh. All the troops in Shanghai were present. The Field-Marshal was escorted to the German Consulate by a detachmen of Bombay Cavalry.

Berlin, September 22.—The following despatch has been received here from Shanghai:—"In magnificent weather Count von Waldersee held a review of the allied troops assembled here. The Bengal Lancers supplied horses for the Field-Marshal and his suite, and furnished the escort. The troops marched past in the following order: Germans, French, the Volunteer Corps (composed of English, French, Americans, Japanese, and Germany), the Bengal Lancers, and the Indian troops. About 5,000 men in all took part in the march past"—Reuter.

FRENCH SOLDIERS NOT UNDER THE COUNT'S ORDERS.

Commenting on the point whether Count von Waldersee will be able to order the Russians not to evacuate Peking, and otherwise to place and dispale foreign contingents at his pleasure, the "Liberte" declares that it is able to speak authoritatively as regards the Frech soldiers. "We can affirm," says the journal, "that our troops are not under the orders either direct or indirect, of Marshal von Waldersee. They are exclusively under the command of General Voyron, who is not the subordinate of the German leader. The only prorogative France has granted to Marshal von Woldersee is the right to preside over the council of generals, and to cause the decisions of the council to be carried out. As regards France, his mandate is, therefore, extremely limited."

LI-HUNG-CHANG DISPERSING THE BOXERS

New York, September 25.—The following despatch from Shanghai is published here:—"Li-Hung-Chang telegraphs that his troops, in obedience to orders, are hunting out the Boxers in the province of Chih-li, and that they have killed more than 1,000 at Hang-Chau and dispered large bodies at Austab (query Ansu) and Cho-Chau, south-west of Peking. Li Hung Chang predicts that the surrounding country will be free from Boxers in less than ten days."—Reuter.

New York, September 25.—The following despatch has been received here from Tientsin, dated the 23rd inst.:—"Li Hung Chang will proceed to Peking in a few days. He remains under close Russian guard, and success to him is difficult. In the course of conversation Li Hung Chang did that he did not believe that an early settlement was probable owing to the number of nations to be treated with. He did not think that the attack on the Pei-tang forts had complicated the situation"—Reuter.

RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF MANCHURIA.

A St. Petersburg telegram to the "Daily Telegrap" states that General Gribsky, Military Governor of the Amur, has published a list of General of the Amur district, stating that all the regulations, based on a telegram from General Grodekoff Governor reigions of Manchuria occuied by Russian troops will henceforth be placed entirely under Russian laws and authority. These regulations include the following:—

I proclaim the transfer to Russia of the territory of the Manchus of the Trans-Zea, and also the right bank of the Amur, occupied by Russian troops.

The return of Chinese subjects to the Trans-Zea territory on the Russian, or left, bank of the river is forbidden. Their land will be used for Russian colonisation.

General Gribsky has also issued a proclamation to the people of Manhuria. In it he points out that the annexation of Manchuria by Russia may be regarded as a punishment for the attack made on Blagovestchensk. The terrible vengeance exacted will be a warning to the inhabitants to espect the power of Russia.

Taku, September 24.—A Russian force occupied the Lutai Forts last night. There were no casualties. The enemy had fled. The Russians are building Tientsin railway station, and repairing other stations on the line.—Reuter.

SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE YANG-TSE REGION.

The Shanghai correspondent of the "Morning Post" says:—The arrival of Count von Waldersee and the publication of the German plan for presenting a demand of five heads have produced an immense effect, though it is not yet fully apparent. A crisis involving the whole of China seems to be imminent. The German demands make an expedition up the Yang-tse and its head rivers necessary. If the expedition be purely British the Viceroy of Nanking might present opposition, but if other foreigners are included resistance will follow as a matter of course. Meanwhile, Prince Tuan's emissaries are working in the hope of removing he Viceroy by murder or suicide. The situation in the Yang-tse region is indeed distinctly critical. The protection of British interests here demands the presence of hundred thousand troops.

CONTINUED PILLAGING IN KWANG TUNG.

Paris, September 26.—The French ironclad Redoutable arrived at Taku on September 24. Admiral Pottier has assumed the command of the French Squadron in the Far East.

A despatch from Canton of yesterday's date states that the pillaging and burning of mission stations continue in Kwang-tung. It is added that the missionaries succeded in escaping, but that 3,000 Christians are without shelter.—Reuter.

MORE MISSIONARIES MASSACRED.

The following cable from the Shanghai office of the China Inland Mission has been received in London:—"Eleven missionaries killed at Tihcheo Taning Yohyang, in Shansi, probably Mr. and Mrs. Peat and two children Messrs. F. F. and M. R. Nathan, Miss Edith Dobson Miss E. M. Deaysman, Miss G. Hurn, Mr. A. Woodroffe, and Mr. D. Barratt, China Inland Mission."

THE NEW MINISTER TO CHINA.

It is stated by the Foreign Office that, Sir Claude MacDonald's health having suffered from the prolonged strain incident to his duties of as British Minister in Peking since 1893, arrangements were made in April last, at Sir Claude's request, for his transfer to Tokio, where the duties of Minister are of a less exhausting nature. The change was necessarily delayed by the siege of the Legations at Pekingg, but it is eow held to be desirable, on medical grounds alone, that Sir Claude MacDonald should home away on leave, and Sir Esnest Satow has been instructed to undertake the care of the Peking Legation if Sir Claude MacDonald's wishes are unchanged.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, OCT. 16.

Tuesday:—The changes in pressure have been small and unimportant. Pressure continues high over the peninsula and is low in Lower Sind and adjacent districts, Rajputana and also over south of the Bay, where the depression may be forming. Winds are light but are irregularly cyclonic round the bay. Temperature is rising in the west and falling in the east of Northern India. It is above normal over the greater parts of the peninsula and of Burma and is in defect in Northern India, except in Sind and north Punjab. Showers have fallen in the south of the Peninsula, Burma and at Saugor Island and False Point. Bangalore has received two and-a-half inches; Bhamo one and-a-half and Saugor island and Mysore one.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 16TH OF OCTOBER.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calcutt standard, reduced to the same temperature Mo and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity, at Lat. 45.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 14 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a small shade with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min.) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing rate of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

STATIONS.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	WIND. Direction.	Rate per hour.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Maximum of past 24 hours.	Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity, 8 A.M.	RAINFALL. Past 24 hours.	Since 1st June to date.	Variation, 1st June to date.
Lahore	29.869	Calm	1	93.1	60.0	71	...	19.16	+2.12
Sirsa	29.835	SE	2	95.3	69.1	[illegible]	...	8.83	−3.64
Delhi	29.864	Calm	2	90.2	69.6	56	...	29.59	+3.36
Agra	29.904	SW	2	94.5	64.9	50	...	19.22	−7.85
Cawnpore	29.888	SW	1	91.3	62.0	56	...	29.54	+0.23
Allahabad	29.897	WNW	2	91.1	62.4	72	..	29.14	−7.21
Jhansi	29.941	WSW	2	91.2	65.1	51	...	35.37	−2.09
Jacobabad	29.838	Calm	0	103.4	62.1	51	...	3.50	+0.77
Karachi	29.906	WNW	7	91.9	72.2	83	...	1.[illegible]9	−4.3[illegible]
Jeypore	29.888	Calm	2	94.2	61.1	40	...	21.08	−5.16
Ajmere	29.922	SW	3	91.9	60.7	41	...	23.47	+3.82
Deesa	29.939	E	5	99.1	63.5	44	...	28.56	+2.91
Ahmedabad	29.913	E	2	99.2	69.1	41	...	15.44	−21.10
Bhuj	29.937	SW	3	98.3	70.9	43	..	17.12	+3.53
Jamnagar	29.923	ESE	7	96.6	67.7	70	..	21.91	−0.57
Rajkot	29.911	N	2	96.9	65.9	49	...	37.50	+9.84
Bhownagar Para	29.932	NE	3	96.6	63.3	54	...	31.01	+9.52
Veraval	29.915	N	5	87.1	71.3	53	...	34.53	+15.52
Neemuch	29.983	NE	2	90.5	59.1	64	...	37.61	+7.12
Indore	29.949	Calm	1	88.3	57.1	59	...	33.98	+1.29
Saugor	29.938	SW	2	85.4	61.6	41	...	40.23	−5.21
Jubulpore	29.960	SSE	2	85.9	57.3	84	...	52.59	−3.49
Hoshangabad	29.931	NE	1	87.7	61.8	70	...	45.16	−8.14
Khandwa	29.973	Calm	2	92.7	58.1	59	...	37.85	+7.16
Raipur	29.92[illegible]	Calm	2	86.8	65.2	69	...	56.[illegible]9	+8.65
Nagpur	29.957	Calm	4	90.2	63.1	53	...	48.88	+3.67
Amraoti	29.961	NE	5	90.7	63.3	42	..	30.14	−2.78
Akola	29.973	Calm	2	91.4	57.0	70	...	40.64	+7.58
Surat	29.910	NE	3	98.2	67.5	60	...	34.09	−11.42
Malegaon	29.968	WNW	4	91.4	57.6	41	...	1[illegible].89	−9.37
Bombay	29.913	ENE	7	87.9	75.9	79	...	69.14	−2.16
Poona	29.961	Calm	7	91.0	60.9	63	..	25.04	+2.37
Ahmednagar	29.955	SW	5	91.9	62.5	48	..	18.97	−0.18
Aurangabad	29.941	ESE	6	91.8	56.7	26	...	21.36	...
Sholapur	29.958	WNW	8	94.7	65.7	34	..	15.97	−11.76
Ratnagiri	29.874	E	4	93.4	73.9	56	...	96.97	−10.24
Belgaum	29.893	ESE	8	84.3	67.8	58	0.07	59.23	+19.01
Goa	29.871	ESE	5	87.3	77.9	80	...	92.[illegible]8	+8.23
Karwar	29.878	NE	3	87.3	74.5	86	...	135.15	+16.32
Mangalore	29.867	ESE	2	88.3	74.9	81	...	139.69	+33.10
Calicut	29.848	ESE	5	89.7	75.0	75	0.38	98.16	+7.80
Cochin	29.861	N	...	88.5	75.6	80	0.08	67.25	−12.25
Bangalore	29.[illegible]94	NNE	7	85.8	64.8	81	2.31	22.15	−0.03
Secunderabad	29.904	NE	3	85.6	65.6	40	...	23.21	−4.16
Masulipatam	29.882	NNE	3	91.1	77.6	79	..	22.89	−5.42
Bellary	29.906	Calm	2	85.7	73.2	55	...	11.66	−1.55
Cuddapah	29.885	ENE	6	97.7	77.9	66	...	15.43	−8.13
Madras	29.858	NNW	6	92.5	78.5	79	...	11.73	−7.58
Coimbatore	29.885	E	3	85.9	65.6	80	0.19	10.32	+2.69
Trichinopoly	29.859	Calm	6	91.0	76.4	76	...	13.37	−1.70
Negapatam	29.844	NW	10	90.4	78.9	92	0.10	15.07	+0.59
Colombo	29.862	SE	5	88.5	73.0	87	0.31	25.94	+2.56
Aden	29.895	Calm	6	88.8	75.9	67	...	0.00	−0.44

In column "Wind Rate per hour," L=Light, M=Moderate, F=Fresh, S=Strong, H=Heavy.

SUMMARY.

The pressure changes have been small and unimportant. Readings are highest in Central India, Berar and at Khandwa, Nagpur, Malegaon, Ahmednagar, Sholapur and Poona, and lowest on and off the South Coromandel Coast. Gradients are moderate to light.

Winds on the Coromandel Coast are cyclonic while calms and variable breezes prevail elsewhere. The force has been generally slight.

The maximum temperature is from 5° to 8° in excess of normal at Bangalore, Cuddapah, Sholapur and Ratnagiri, and the minimum 4° to 7° in defect in Berar, Central India and at Khandwa, Hoshangabad, Jubulpore, Raipur, Nagpur, Bhavnagar-Para, Cawnpore and Allahabad. The highest temperature in the shade was 103° at Jacobabad and the lowest 57° at Jubulpore and Indore.

Humidity changes are very irregular, and the skies are partially cloudy in Ceylon, the Madras Presidency, on the Malabar Coast, and at the southerly stations in the Bombay Presidency.

Over 2 inches of rain has fallen at Bangalore (2.31"), about half an inch at Calicut, about a quarter of an inch at Coimbator, and very light showers at Belgaum, Cochin and Negapatam.

The cyclonic circulation of winds on the Coromandel Coast indicates that a low pressure area exists to the south-eastwards of Madras or Negapatam in the Bay, and the weather seems to be slightly favourable for local scattered rain in Ceylon, on the Malabar Coast and in Mysore.

The observer at Deesa reports that "an earthquake occurred at 11 h. 38 m. 30 s. a.m. on the 14th October. It lasted for twelve seconds and was preceded and followed by a noise like thunder."

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 15th October.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah. ......inches	29.857
Temperature of the Air ......degrees	82.1
Wet Bulb Thermometer	73.3
Dew Point	69.5
Relative humidity of Air	0.666
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	0.4
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ......degrees	87.9
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	75.5
General Directions of wind* ......ESE, NE, WNW, NW, N.	
Movement of Wind in 24 hours* ......miles	135
Fall of Rain	0.00
Total fall during month	0.00
Total fall during year	69.12
Additional fall of rain up to 10 a.m. of the 16th Oct.	0.00

*From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

MONDAY NIGHT.—OCT. 15.

10 p.m.	79.6
TUESDAY—OCT. 16.	
6 a.m.	77.2
10 a.m.	83.3
2 p.m.	87.1
4 p.m.	86.0

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3 per cent Rentes .....£99 3-4—unch'gd.
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Do Indian Bank Bills, 4 1-4 per cent. —1-8 ,,
Linseed, business done, Amsterdam, April-May, 53s. plus 6d. strong.

EXCHANGE.—The market is quiet, especially for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, Credits remain steady, but though a fair amount of business is offering very little can be put through.

Bank Telegraphic	1s. 3 29-32d.
,, Demand ,,	1s. 3 15-16d.
3 months' sight Credits	1s. 4 3-16d.
do. Francs	1'69 3-4
Shanghai, 30 days' sight	Rs. 203
Hongkong ,,	,, 152
Japan ,,	,, 148

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—The market for ready opened at Rs. 96-15 with 1-16th lower named for the Settlement, during the day, improved to Rs. 97 ready with a fairly good business passing.

STOCKS AND SHARES.—Market steady with few alterations in prices.

	Rs.
Manockji Petit S. and W. Co.'s shares	1,810xd.
Mazagon	67 1-2
Ahmedabad Prantej Railway Company	700
Kemp Company Limited	353
Marks Company	147

FREIGHTS.—The Hansa are said to have booked some 6,000 tons in Karachi from January to May next year at 20s. and 21s., and 2,000 tons in Bombay, for April-May, at 20s., but will not go on at the rates.

The following boats are reported fixed, the German East African boat Serious for late November, Hamburg, at 17s 6d., option two ports at 18s. 6d. The Westminster Bridge for December at 18s. one port, 18s. 6d., for two. The Cardium, January, at 18s., one port with 6d. more for two. The tone of the market is easier, particularly for this year. Some 2,000 tons are also reported for Antwerp, November, at about 17s. 9d.

COALS.—BIRDS' NAVIGATION.—A good line is reported sold for next year at Rs. 13-12.

WHEAT.—The market is firm and Rs. 4-9-6 is quoted for White Delhi, April-May.

SEEDS—LINSEED.—The market is strong at Rs 11-6 at which business has been done.

RAPESEED.—Market firm with rates unchanged from yesterday.

CASTORSEED.—Market quiet with the rate down from yesterday 8 annas per candy at Rs. 39-8 to Rs. 40.

POPPYSEED.—Quiet but steady at Rs. 8-12-6 to Rs. 8-13

GINGELLYSEED.—The market is firm but with little doing.

COTTON.—The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats dull. Manchester was quiet. Total sales 7,000 bales. Sold on speculation and for export 500 bales. Surats 100 bales. Imports 1,000 bales. Spot 5 13-16—3-16. Fair Brown Egyptians 7 3-8 unchanged. Arrivals closed quiet but steady.

Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Jan.-Feb.	April.-May	July-Aug.
5'24	5'13	5'5	5'	4'60
—10-34	—6-64	—4-64	—4-64	—4-64

In New York—

	Bales.
Receipts at the Ports	80,000
Exports to Great Britain	4,000
Do. do Continent	24,000
Mid.-Uplands	10 1-4—3-16
Futures, month of January	9'17—35
Do. do. April	9'16—36

With the very heavy drop in American futures and in Liverpool our market opened weak with a decline of about Rs. 8 in New Crops from yesterday and buyers less inclined than ever to enter the market. Shipper's purchases amounted to some 500 bales, the mills taking nothing.

	Rs.
Bengal, Fine, ready	190
Do. F. G. ready	180
Do. do. Jany., 1901	179
Broach Fine, ready	210
Do. Good, ready	205
Do. Good, March, 1901	223

Receipts of Cotton into Bombay on Sunday and Monday:—

Barsi and Nuggur	281	bales
Berar	30	,,
Total Comras	311	,,
Dhollera	78	,,
Compta and Dharwar	101	,,
Westerns	110	,,
Bengals	246	,,
Total	846	,,

Summary of Daily Arrivals of produce into Bombay on Sunday and Monday:—

Wheat	4,290	cwts.
Linseed	994	,,
Rapeseed	3,205	,,
Gingellyseed	2,343	,,
Poppyseed	1,485	,,
Groundnuts	16	,,
Castorseed	4,504	,,
Rice	47,083	,,
Myrabollams	291	,,

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

MESSRS. TATA and Co's Liverpool friends' market review of the 27th ult. runs as under:—Last Friday morning, we took a more favourable view of the market, especially as the crop conditions remained unfavourable, as a matter of fact a strong upward movement took place and until the morning of the 25th, near months had recovered some 40, and distant about 15 points. The selling of hedges, especially in September-October and October-November which brought about the decline last week, has again been a feature since Tuesday, and on balance prices only show a recovery of 10 points for near and of 7 points for distant months. The pressure on the near months is very strong, as all the importers are trying to catch the price of about 6d. The big Liverpool importers have all been bear for some time and have sold freely, hoping that with the new season, cotton would slip back to below 5d. They have been waiting to cover as long as possible, but as the cotton is firmly held by the South, they are at last forced to cover at any price. At present they are paying more than the continent, and in this way the imports here will soon become very heavy. It is a losing business for the Liverpool importer but to Lancashire it is of the utmost importance that the stock here should soon be replenished. At a meeting held last Friday, the Lancashire spinners recommended to their members to close their mills for 12 days in October. The whole thing will come to this: whoever has cotton enough will work full time, and the rest will have to run short time, whether they like it or not. In any case the production of yarn will be much curtailed. Stoks will be cleared, and the reduced supply will make yarn prices go up. This will tend towards establishing a working margin which is altogether absent now. The pressure on the very near positions works in the same direction, and already the gap between spot cotton and say July-August position has narrowed from 2 9-32d. to 1 3-4d. per lb. A further material adjustment may be expected with the termination of this, the corner month, and altogether we seem to be on the eve of resumption of business in Manchester on a large scale. As we said last week, the whole world has been waiting for this adjustment. An encouraging feature in Manchester is the renewed inquiry from Honkong and Shanghai. From the States, and also from some parts of the European continent, particularly from the North of France an improved inquiry for cotton goods is reported. People seem to get reconciled to the idea of 6d. cotton for the greater part of the present season. The crop reports are bad. There have been cloud bursts in the Dallas district, and the Brazos River is reported to be seven miles wide. Enormous damage is said to have been done to the open cotton in the fields through the excessive rains. Since the 5th instant, the date of the Galveston disaster there has been a constant deterioration and curtailment of the Texas crop, and from the other states reports are hardly any better. To all appearances, the crop will not exceed 9 3-4 millions maximum, an altogether insufficient quantity, considering that we require 11 millions to fill all the gaps in the supply of cotton, yarn and goods. A repetition of the semi-famine conditions next summer seems unavoidable. Now we ask our friends, why pay 7d. for near cotton when very distant cotton, say July-August and August-September delivery can be had at about 5d. and when these distant positions will in time be subject to a more severe squeeze than we have seen recently. Single option Jan.-Feb. 22, Mar.-Apr. 24 points.

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EUROPE.

MARRIAGE.

THOMAS—NELSON—September 21, Friday, at 1, Leamington Terrace, Edinburgh, at the residence of the bride, by the Rev J Billington, D D, Percival, Knox Thomas, youngest son of the late J Thomas, B E S Schools, and Organist, Christ Church, Byculla, to Elizabeth (May), daughter of Graham Hope Nelson, Esq.

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BIRTH.

PETEANI—October 15, at Bombay, the wife of H J Petzani, Chief Assistant, Austrian Lloyd's Co, of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

HOLDER—WALSH—October 8, at All Saints's Church, Shillong, by the Rev C T Winckley, Frederic Eton Holder, of Deohall Tea Estate, Assam, son of Captain C Holder, late 14th Hussars, of Westbourne, Barnes Close, Winchester, to Katherine Daisie Peregrine, eldest daughter of the late Nugent C Walsh of Wandsworth, Surrey, and of Mrs Walsh of Fleet, Hants.

DEATHS.

AIRD—October 9, at Luayoni, South Sylhet, suddenly, Thomas Aird, aged 29.
BROWNE—October 14, at Calcutta, James Woodfall Browne, aged 63 years and 5 months.

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The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1900.

THE Sultan of Turkey has leased to Germany the island of Uraon near Kamaran in the Red Sea for use as a coaling station. The lease is for a period of thirty years. Germany is to be congratulated on her smartness although we would have preferred that she had not entered into competition with us on that side of the Red Sea. Although Uraon is not an extensive island, it is large enough to accommodate all the coal that German ships bound for Australia, East Africa and China may require. It is moreover out of the direct line of ocean-going steamers, but not so far as to prevent them diverting their course, if they can by so doing procure coal at so much less per ton. After our recent experience at Aden it is matter for little surprise, now that Germany is showing such activity in the Far East that she should want a coal depot of her own. Our Teutonic brother is sufficiently wide awake to add a few spare thousand tons if he can obtain a remunerative price for them and so much the worse for both Aden and Perim. But the ill effect will only be temporary. There is room enough for both Germany and ourselves, and no one need shriek about it or try to find exclusive treaties. Coaling stations should be well protected as well as numerous, as Mr. Steevens pointed out, for coal in time of naval warfare will be the most precious of prizes. But Kamaran is not without its value to us. We use it for our pilgrims as a quarantine station and coal has been seen there. If it be considered necessary to checkmate Germany; Kamaran offers itself on easy terms. And the lease of a Red Sea island to Germany will be for our good. It will bring home to the Government the necessity for the improvement of the commercial facilities as well as of the defences of both Perim and Aden and instead of raising our voices against Germany, we should show ourselves supremely grateful for the object lesson we have received. The world is wide, and we cannot expect to control every port even on the Red Sea.

IN a paper on "The Support of War by War" in "The Journal of Comparative Legislation" for August, Mr. I. S. Risley gives many interesting facts relating to the effect of war on the inhabitants of the conquered country. Since the Thirty Years' War, it seems, it has been the custom for the invader to commute the right to pillage or destroy by allowing the inhabitants to pay him a ransom or by giving him a fixed amount of provisions or goods required in the campaign. This commutation again has evolved a practice of levying contributions and requisitions from the inhabitants, and provided they supply these, and do not act in a hostile manner towards the invader, or violate the laws of war, their private property is not interfered with except when the military find it absolutely necessary to save the situation by doing such ruthless acts as razing houses to the ground or destroying crops and the like. A victorious invader is very much master of the situation. His requisitions may include almost everything from food to personal service and may be exacted without payment if he so decides. Contributions are payments of money in place of, or over and above the ordinary taxes. In the United States any invading general may billet soldiers, appropriate property, such as houses, land, boats or ships, and churches for temporal and military uses. He will give receipts to the owners, if they have not prudently fled, on the presentation of which they *may* obtain indemnity. Such receipts do not imply indebtedness on the part of the invader, and payment can only be made at the end of the war. Very often it is the Government of the occupied country that reimburses its subjects when peace is restored. Though the invader has by International Law a right to demand requisitions, it is realised that the inhabitants are, even when paid on the spot, often irritated by the right being enforced, and there is nothing to prevent them making it difficult for the invader to maintain his army by destroying or concealing supplies. They are therefore often invited to bring in supplies to a voluntary market, where they get a fair price for their goods in ready money. This appeals to the trading instinct and obviates difficulties and heart-burnings.

The Duke of Wellington was no friend to the requisitioning system, either in the Peninsula or in France, but after Waterloo, his army had both provisions and forage on requisition receipts. Napoleon, *more suo*, had no scruple about either contributions or requisitions in his campaigns. He had from Prussia, humbled in the battle of Jena, £4,000,000, and after the conquest of Valencia in 1812, he forced from the district two hundred million francs for the use of his army. In later times we find that the war contributions and requisitions were merciless in their extent, and naturally bore their harvest of ill-feeling. The Germans in 1870 billeted troops on the inhabitants of each French town and village they entered, chalking upon the door of each house the number of soldiers it was to entertain, and the Mayor was required to provide every need of the soldiers and officers from horseshoes to horses often, boots, wines, cigars, provisions, etc. During the few days that Versailles was occupied, the Germans consumed 120,000 requisitioned loaves of French bread, 80,000 lbs. of meat, 90,000 lbs. of oats, 27,000 lbs. of rice, and so forth on this lavish scale. At Chateaudun, these Teuton giants first burned and pillaged the town, and then demanded, and we presume obtained, a contribution of 200,000 francs, 1,500 blankets, salt, coffee, brandy, and hay in enormous quantities. General von der Tann at Orleans demanded a levy of one million francs in specie through the Mayor, an amount that was afterwards reduced to 600,000 francs, and 600 head of cattle were requisitioned, 300,000 cigars, and all the horses in the town, the soldiers at the time enjoying the enforced hospitality of the inhabitants. Dijon was made to pay £20,000 down as "caution money" for its good behaviour by General Werder. Nothing more was demanded, considerately, but twenty thousand of the German troops were boarded and lodged and supplied by the conquered with all they required. In 1872 when normal conditions reigned, a French official declaration stated that besides direct and indirect taxes Germany had requisitioned for her troops in France more than 327,000,000 francs, truly an awful drain. The movable objects, taken away casually, for keepsakes presumably, were valued at 264,000,000 francs, and, farther, parishes and individuals had been spoiled or looted to the tune of 600,000,000 francs. But that these figures are official, and that the damage they represent was declared and recognised, we should wish to read the German official reply to such a statement of oppressive treatment by the victorious invaders.

The Brussels Conference was a practical recognition that the question of contributions and requisitions demanded revision, but its provisions were not definite on many points, nor entirely successful. Men's minds had not quite recovered the philosophic calm needed for a discussion on the articles of war. The Conference at the Hague fought with enhanced success to bring the question of the rights of an invader and of the invaded into more even balance. One article of that Convention provided that requisitions in kind and of services should only be demanded for the needs of the army of occupation and should be in accordance with the resources of the country. It laid down, moreover, that levies in kind should be paid for, if possible in cash, and if not should be certified by receipts. When a country is "occupied," that is placed actually under the authority of the enemy's army, the occupant administers its government under the ordinary laws of the country except martial law be declared. The occupied country has to bear the expense of its own administration and to support the invading army besides. All the public immovable property must be safeguarded by the occupier, but he administers and enjoys its usufruct. If the public property be movable, the invader must, according to the Hague and Brussels Conventions, follow the laws of the conquered State, and provide for its expense in the same way as its own Government would. The occupier can, however, seize the specie, the funds, and realisable securities of the unlucky State, its depots of arms, means of transport and in fact everything that can be utilised in war. In case of taking possession of warlike stores and railways, etc., property belonging to private persons or companies it is advised that they should be given back at the conclusion of peace, and indemnities arranged for. As for State archives, historic monuments, works of science and art, it is some comfort to know that it is laid down that the destroying of such property is forbidden and "ought to be prosecuted." The pillage of private property is distinctly forbidden, but the penalties do not seem to be very formidable. Indeed the discovery of individual acts of pillage would be a difficult diversion during the hurry of a campaign, and still less possible when the war fever was over. The fact may be considered established that war is made to pay for war directly or indirectly, but as in all games of chance, the winner only reaps the advantage.

MR. B. K. BHOSE has prepared a note on irrigation which is a plea for a greater extension of such works in the Central Provinces. Half of the annual famine insurance grant is allocated for the construction of protective works and he sees no reason why the Central Provinces should not participate in the benefit of that grant. There is not the slightest necessity to labour the point as to the utility of irrigation works, but Mr. Bhose submits the evidence of a number of authorities regarding the increased productiveness of the soil that would follow on systematic irrigation. The great need in the Central Provinces is for storage tanks which will collect the water and so compensate for an unequal distribution of the rains. The failure of the rains last year was altogether abnormal and a similar season had not been previously experienced in the Central Provinces within living memory. During 1896-97 the total rainfall was in most districts of the Provinces well above the average, the famine of that period being caused by the absence of the usual fall when the kharif crop was in a critical stage. On the other hand the rainfall of 1897-98, which was a year of recovery from famine, was below the total of the previous year of disaster, but being properly distributed it was very favourable for agriculture and the people were able to secure excellent kharif and better rabi crops than in 1896-97. What is wanted therefore is the means of storing the rainfall of the year for the benefit of the crops on the failure of seasonable rains. Enough water for this purpose, says Mr. Ghose, may fairly be expected even in a year of deficient monsoon. Though there is not much opening in the Central Provinces for canal irrigation fed by perennial rivers, the low hills and valleys which in the monsoon become courses for so many torrents afford a ready means of constructing storage reservoirs. These water courses only require to be dammed up to form most valuable resources which, irrigating the surrounding country by small channels, would be the salvation of the crops in times of unseasonable drought. The southern districts of Madras have long enjoyed the benefits of a great system of storage tanks, while Mysore has a splendid system of hill reservoirs constructed in terraces. The Central Provinces, in 1898, had in all 38,019 storage tanks, but the distribution of them is such that the only districts that can be considered fairly well supplied are Bhandara and Sambalpur. In the former district the Nawegaon tank which receives the water from scores of hills successfully stood the test of even the severe drought of last year and "the fourteen villages served by it were like an oasis in the midst of a desert." The rice crops in those places were full and the cultivators were able to meet the entire revenue demand. Artificial irrigation is especially capable of doing great good in most of the rice tracts, even in years of ordinary rainfall, for with an abundant water-supply superior classes of rice can take the place of the inferior qualities which are being more and more extensively grown for the reason that they ripen earlier than the better qualities and thus run less risk of destruction by failure of the rains.

A small change, but one that is likely to have a useful effect in saving the widows and orphans of military officers from difficulty in regard to funds to enable them to leave India and settle at home, has recently been introduced into the Indian Military Service Family Pensions Regulations. Under these regulations provision can be secured by a subscriber for passage money from India for his widow and orphans. Hitherto, the subscription for the insurance has had to be made in instalments spread over a not longer period than two years. The amount, in consequence payable monthly, has frequently been more than junior officers could afford. Now, it is arranged that payment may be spread over four years. As, therefore, the payment of one instalment entitles to the benefit of the insurance, in case of death before the next becomes due, it follows that the arrangement is placed within reach at an immediate outlay of only half the amount previously necessary. The opportunity has, at the same time, been taken to increase the maximum provision that may be made from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 3,000.

THE Indian Railway earnings which have hitherto been much larger than those of last year are now falling off, the weekly returns in Monday's "Gazette" showing a drop from 58 to 47 lakhs of rupees in the receipts of the seven days, The East Indian and G. I. P. are behind by 2 1-2 lakhs each; Bombay-Baroda and Rajputana-Malwa by 1 1-2 lakhs, and Oudh and Rohilkhand and E. B. S. R. by half a lakh each. This still, however, leaves the total earnings since April last a crore of rupees a head of those of the same months last year.

THE Secretary of State has sanctioned the construction from borrowed funds of the Mahiwah Irrigation project in the Rohri Division of the Shikarpur District, Sind, at a cost of ten and a half lakhs.

MR. MACPHERSON, Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, proceeds on one year's leave, next April, Mr. Carnduff officiating.

LADY CURZON will hold her final meeting of the Central Committee of the Dufferin Fund at Simla, this season, on the 16th instant.

MAJOR-GENERAL CREAGH, C.B., is confirmed as a district commander of the 2nd class in succession to Major-General Sir E. R. Elles.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL, G. H. MORE-MOLYNEUX, C.B., D.S.O., having returned from leave, has resumed command of the Bundelkhand district.

MR. LELY, Commissioner, N. D., acknowledges a further subscription to H. E. the Governor's Gujerat Cattle Preservation Fund, by Mr. R. Enthoven, I.C.S., of Rs. 150.

YESTERDAY the City Improvement Trust sanctioned the appointment of Rao Bahadur Hamitlal Dhirajram, deputy engineer of the Trust, as estate manager for the Board at a salary of Rs. 1,000 per month.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL F. VENTRIS, Commanding Bombay District, who had been to Bhuj on inspection duty, returned to Bombay yesterday by the British India steamer Dwarka. A salute of 9 guns was fired from the Saluting Battery to announce the arrival.

ONLY one plague case and one death from the same cause was reported in Calcutta on Friday. The total mortality for that day was 102. Saturday's returns show two fresh cases of plague and the same number of deaths from that disease, while the total mortality was 67.

THERE was a notable decrease in the number of famine relief workers in the Punjab last week, namely, from 23,848 to 5,385. All works are now closed and the residue of relief recipients are maintained gratuitously. In the Native States of the Province there was a drop from 10,229 to 4,351.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Batty has delivered over charge as an acting Judge of the High Court; and will proceed to take up his post as acting Commissioner in Sind. The Hon. Mr. Justice Candy has been allowed to affix the vacation time to his furlough and will return and resume charge as a Judge of the High Court on the termination of the vacation.

AT the invitation of the New South Wales Government, 500 Indian troops of all ranks, cavalry and infantry, will proceed to Sydney under two British officers to take part in the demonstrations which are being arranged to celebrate the federation of the colonies. The troops will probably leave India about the end of November, and are now being selected.

THE annual Staff College dinner took place on Friday night, Sir E. Collen presiding. The Commander-in-Chief and General Maitland were the only guests. The following officers were present:—Major-General Elles, Colonels Peacocke, Balfe, Stawell, and Greenfield, Lieutenants-Colonel Hawkins, Lomax and Capper, and Captains Kenny, Nicholson, Dowding, Coffin, Clay, Holloway and Dyer.

THE hope that plague might have left the Punjab for good has not been realised. Two cases are reported from the village of Mehrampur in the Jullandur district. This village, which is a small one with a population of 252 only, entirely escaped the disease this year. In 1899 it was attacked, the first case having occurred on the 1st of May and the last on the 25th idem. A single case was reported from the village of Mungowal on the 4th instant: but as it was not certain that it was one of true plague the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner has proceeded to the village to enquire.

THE following is an extract from the diary of Mr. D. A. Choksi, Chief Plague Officer, Bangalore City, Division No. VII:—There was one case (of plague) in Gavipur in one of the chuttraus. The patient is a Nagarth woman, the wife of one Shamanna, the gentleman who has been taking much interest in selling ragi to the peple at cheaper rates. They were living in Hale Kasai Road and the latter asked for permit to go to Gavipur. The Civil Officer very properly declined to give him one and advised him to go to a Health Camp. He agreed to do so and obtained a permit accordingly; but this gentleman, rather than go where he was permitted, came to the chuttram and his wife took ill the day following. The people of Gavipur are in great rage and have made a protest against infection being brought into their village. Mr. Shamanna has promised to go to Magadi Camp, failing which I will have to prosecute him—his charitable acts notwithstanding.

LIKE nearly every other kind of fruit, blackberries and sloes are remarkably plentiful in Lincolnshire this year, and owing to its abundance the fruit is very cheap. Those versed in weather lore say that much hedge fruit indicates a severe winter.

THE potato crop of Ireland this year is in a gloomy condition. It is said that for many small farmers there is nothing but ruin and starvation.

MR. J. M. BARRIE did not shine conspicuously in many of his classes when at Edinburg University, but in the matter of metaphysics he had one notable triumph. He convinced that most unimpressionable of all human beings, a medical student, that he had no existence, strictly so-called. "He got quite frightened," Mr. Barrie remarked, "and I can still see his white face as he sat staring at me in the gloaming. This shows what metaphysics can do."

A NOVEL proposition is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Gas Committee of the Manchester Corporation. The high price of coal has greatly exercised the minds of that body, and a suggestion has been formally placed before them by a member that a mine should be bought and worked for the purpose of supplying the Corporation gas works with coal. If the scheme is carried out Manchester will be the scene of a novel municipal enterprise.

MR. JOHN A. BUTTERY has collected a number of articles on Transvaal politics, articles that attracted much attention at the time, under the striking title "Why Kruger made War" (Heinemann). As assisting editor of the "Standard and Diggers' News," Mr. Buttery enjoyed excellent opportunities of discovering the true inwardness of Mr. Kruger's apparently inscrutable game. We think there can be no reader of this revealing little book who will not conclude that Mr. Buttery really got "behind the Boer scenes," to use his own phrase, and has solved what is still a mystery to many good people not all of whom are necessarily pro-Boers.

EACH year the inequality of the arrangement that is in existence between the Guardians of the City and of St. Saviour's, Southwark, with regard to the maintenance of the schools at Hanwell becomes (the "City Press" says) more and more emphasised. At the present time the City has 109 children at the schools, and St. Saviour's 676, and yet the latter parish is only called upon to pay £4,476, during the coming half-year as against the £9,624 to be contributed by the one square mile. In other words each Southwark child will cost that parish less than £7 per head, while for its little ones the City will be debited to the extent of £88 per head. How many ratepayers, it may well be asked, can afford to spend so large a sum on the maintenance of their offspring?

IN a Liverpool theatre some time ago a melodrama was performed which had a peculiarly grim ending, for no less than six of the characters at the close of the fourth act lay dead upon the stage (says the "Liverpool Post"). Then it was the curtain's turn. It ought to have come down, but it stuck badly. The "dead" became restless. They peeped at each other, wondering if they would ever be released from their awkward positions. Then the audience began to titter; it tittered more; then it laughed outright. The situation had become intolerable, when one of the "dead" rose, solemnly faced the audience, and, raising his hand beseechingly said, "Friends—respect the dead!" Then he went back and lay with his friends, and the laughter broke out afresh. There was nothing for it but that the "dead" should solemnly walk off, one after the other.

FROM time to time complaints are made of the large number of lawyers in the House of Commons, and suggestions are put forward for the exclusion of practising members of the legal profession from that assembly. It is evident, however, that these views receive very little support from the public, remarks the "Law Journal." There are some hundred and fifty lawyers in the present House of Commons—not, it is true, all practising members of the profession—and this number is likely to be increased by the general election Constituencies have a perfectly free choice in the matter of their candidates, and the fact that their choice falls so frequently upon members of the legal profession merely shows that lawyers have special qualifications for public and Parliamentary work. The relative predominance of the legal profession in the House of Commons is in itself a complete answer to the objections made against it.

AT a time when fairs have practically ceased to be an institution in this country they have obtained an interesting revival in the United States. Of the attractiveness of a good street fair there can be no doubt; and American retail tradesmen (we have it on the authority of the "Draper's Record") are exhibiting wonderful capacity in organising and carrying out such displays. Needless to say, the promotion of business is the chief object sought, but our American cousins have the sense to perceive that this end can sometimes be best reached by indirect means. We do not doubt that the British retailer is also alive to this fact; but we fear that he cannot give expression to it with the freedom that characterises transatlantic methods. The attractions of the ordinary shop bazaar have sometimes been rewarded by a police summons on the ground of having "caused an obstruction in the street," but when the local authorities are more enlightened, or less strict, than is ordinarily the case, the idea may be worth trying.

THE "Cologne Gazette" states that no haste is shown in the production of the new rifle, pattern 1898, for the German infantry. The 1898 pattern is an improved version of that of 1888. Rifles of this latter type were manufactured from the beginning of 1889 to the beginning of 1892 in the Government workshops at Spandau, Danzig, Erfurt, and Amberg, Bavaria as well as by Ludwig Lowe and Co., by Mauser in Obendorf, and in the gun factory at Steyer. These rifles therefore are about ten years in use. The modern weapon with its complicated mechanism is not so durable as the older weapon of simpler and stronger construction and of larger calibre. Rifles of the Mauser pattern of 1871 lasted fifteen years, but this durability cannot be counted on in the more modern weapon. Some of the 1888 pattern are wearing out and are being replaced by those of 1898. The regular output of the Government and other workshops is quite sufficient, however, to meet all demands of this kind without resorting to overwork or undue haste in the manufacture of the rifles.

THE International Philatelic Exhibition in Paris has proved a thorough success, and is certainly the finest display of postage stamps ever held. The exhibits of some hundred and fifty collectors are arranged in a large hall in the Rue de Grenelle, and represent an estimated total value of £80,000. A pair of the famous "Post Office" Mauritius stamps was exhibited. The last time a pair of these stamps was sold the price paid was nearly £2,000. These varieties were issued in 1847, and there are only 18 pairs known to exist. Other great varieties are shown in the case devoted to British Guiana and Hawaii. A very fine collection of Cape of Good Hope postal labels is exhibited. It includes many of the quaint three-cornered stamps so greatly cherished by philatelists. Collections embracing stamps of France and Colonies, United States, Ceylon, and Hayti are nearly complete in all the postal issues of those countries. The exhibition has been attended by a large number of philatelists, among whom have been not a few distinguished foreigners who indulge in the popular hobby of stamp collecting.

AN interesting experiment, which if successful will to a certain extent effect a revolution in street paving, is now being made in the City. Hitherto, in the case of asphalte, the paving has been laid in such a way as to necessitate an upheaval of a considerable section in the event of its becoming necessary to repair pipes, etc., below the surface. A new system is now being given a trial. The paving consists (says the "City Press") of flags that are nine inches square, and are composed of an inch and a half of hardened asphalte and an inch of cement. The flags are laid on mortar, the asphalte side uppermost, with a bed of cement. The principal advantage claimed for them is that they may be taken up and relaid with the utmost ease and the minimum of expense. If a pipe needs mending only about a dozen blocks will have to be removed. At first the flags are dark grey in colour, but it is stated that after a week's traffic they will become light grey. As far as the ratepayers are concerned the result is a matter of very little moment, inasmuch as the pavement is being laid on the condition that no charge shall be made unless the experiment proves thoroughly satisfactory.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

THE RISING IN SOUTHERN CHINA.

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

THE CHANGE OF BRITISH MINISTER AT PEKING.

M. DELCASSE'S NOTE TO THE POWERS.

LONDON, Oct. 16,

The British troops at Kowloon are watching the frontier to prevent the irruption of refugees.

The rebellion which is wide-spread is anti-Manchu and not anti-foreign.

The Chinese troops are pursuing the rebels and have demanded reinforcements from Canton.

The Tokio correspondent of the Paris "Temps" says that Japan has assented to M. Delcasse's Note.

M. Delcasse's Note to the Powers covers much the same ground as the German Note, but proposes various specific measures including the establishment of permanent posts to keep open the route from Peking to the sea.

The Powers generally have assented to the Note with varying reservations.

Sir Ernest Satow has arrived at Tientsin and started for Peking.

A British balloon detachment has arrived at Tientsin.

Colonel Campbell's column has reached Tuliu, en route to Paotingfu.

Three hundred of the Bombay Infantry and 60 Hongkong Artillery are on the Kowloon frontier.

The rebels are investing Huichau and have defeated the Imperial Chinese troops, killing 200 of them.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NARROW ESCAPE OF COLONEL LUMSDEN.

LONDON, Oct. 16.

The Boers threaten to attack Philippolis.

Lord Roberts in announcing General Buller's relinquishment of his command in Natal, thanks him for his able conduct of the operations in the Eastern Transvaal.

Boer raiders are active along the line of communications.

Four hundred of the Black Watch have arrived at Ladybrand and reassured the inhabitants there.

The "Standard" says that Lord Roberts will be appointed Honorary Colonel of the Irish Guards.

Colonel Lumsden has had a narrow escape having had on his horse fallen over a precipice at Lydenburg.

The horse was killed but the Colonel escaped practically unhurt.

An official despatch states that General French left Machadodorp going in the direction of Heidelberg to clear the country of the enemy. Colonel Mahon was commanding the Mounted Infantry and engaged the enemy successfully, but Captain Taylor of M Battery and Lieutenants Wylam and Jones of the 8th Hussars and eight men were killed besides three officers and 25 men wounded. General French has occupied Carolina.

THE EX-EMPRESS FREDERICK.

LONDON, Oct. 16.

The latest bulletin says that the Ex-Empress Frederick is suffering from continuous neuralgia which has induced heart weakness, a recurrence of which would involve imminent danger.

GERMAN COALING STATION IN THE RED SEA.

The Sultan of Turkey has leased to Germany for thirty years the Island of Uraon as a coaling station in the Red Sea near Kamaran.

FRANCE AND INDIAN COFFEE.

The French Customs authorities declare that it is incorrect that Indian coffee will have to pay double and say it will have the benefit of the minimum tariff like all British possessions.

Only Venezuela suffers by the agreement with Brazil.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, Oct. 16.

The movements in relief this winter of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Madras Lancers have been cancelled owing to disease amongst the horses of the first two regiments.

The Chitral Reliefs arrived at Merga on the 14th, all well.

The offices of the Adjutant-General, Quarter-Master General and the Principal Medical Officer to Her Majesty's Forces in India open in Calcutta on the 15th December next.

Sir Edmond Elles, accompanied the Commander on his autumn tour.

Brigadier-General Gilchrist is confirmed as District Commander, vice Cummins vacated.

CHOLERA IN CANTONMENTS.

The 4th Hussars at Secunderabad have had three more cholera deaths since last Friday. The 17th Bengal Infantry at Benares and 1st Madras Lancers at Bellary also report one cholera death each.

SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Sir Hernam Singh moves four amendments to the Punjab Land Alienation Bill, which comes up to be passed at next Friday's Council meeting here.

Mr. Rivaz also introduces a small Bill, amending Indian Ports Act, the object of the measure being to empower the Local Governments to make rules for dealing with vessels with plague or other infectious desease on board.

PLAGUE RETURNS.

The number of plague deaths in India last week rose to 2,322, owing to increase in Poona and Belgaum districts, which had 982 deaths against 740 in the previous seven days. The Mysore State on the other hand reports a decrease from 765 to 687, while elsewhere little change has occurred.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

LONDON, Oct. 16.

The latest returns give 399 Unionists, 184 Liberals and 80 Nationalists as elected.

The Unionists have gained East Aberdeen.

The members for Cricklade, Flintshire, Kincardineshire and Northwich have been re-elected.

The following have been elected :—Wodehouse, (Liberal), Saffron Walden ; Maconochie (Unionist), East Aberdeenshire.

THE PRESS ON THE ELECTION.

LATER.

The "Times" says the salient feature of the elections in Ireland is the elimination of the better class of Nationalists, and adds that it is unfortunate for the Government that the obvious and immediate sequel of its Irish policy is the recrudescence of sedition.

The Liberal papers declare that the result of the election has rehabilitated the Liberal Party.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

ABERDEENSHIRE (East), Mr Maconochie (C) Conservative gain.
1895—T R Buchanan (L) 4,723
W Smith (C) 3,308

CHESHIRE NORTHWICH, Sir J T Brunner (L).
1895—Brunner (L) 5,703
T Ward (C) 4,068

ESSEX (SAFFRON WALDEN), Mr Wodehouse, (L).
1895—C Gold (L) 3,806
C W Grey (C) 3,081

FLINSHIRE, Mr Samuel Smith (L).
1895—Smith (L) 4,376
Col Howard (C) 3,925

KINCARDINE, Mr J W Crombie (L).
1895—Crombie (L) 2,603
Hon C Trefusis (C) 2,040

WILTSHIRE CRICKLADE, Lord Edmond Fitzmource (L).
1895—Hopkinson (C) 4,679
Lord Fitzmaurice (L) 4,580

THE NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS.

"MEMS." ABOUT MEMBERS.

Brunner, Sir John T. Bart. (L), elected for Cheshire, Northwich-D., '95 ; sat for same constit. '85-6, '87-92, and '92-5 ; and s. of the late Rev. J. Brunner, of Canton Zurich, who settled in England '82 ; b. '42 ; E. at his father's school. Liverpool ; Chairman of Brunner, Mond & Co., Ltd. ; member of the Council of the Liverpool University College ; endowed Chair of Economic Science with the sum of £10,000 '91 ; visitor of Royal Institution '93 ; J.P. for Cheshire.

Crombie, J.W. (L). elected for Kincardineshire '95 ; sat for same constit. '92-5 ; s. of Mr. John Crombie, of Balgownie Lodge ; b. '58 ; E. Gymnasium, Old Aberdeen ; Aberdeen University (M.A.). France, and Germany ; Director of J. &.J. Crombie, Ld. ; author of "Some Poets of the People in Foreign Lands" ; private secretary to Rt. Hon. James Bryce while President of the Board of Trade.

Fitzmaurice, Lord Edmond George Petty-(L), elected for Wilts, North or Cricklade D., '98 ; also sat for Calne '68-'85, when the seat was absorbed in the county ; s. of Marquis of Lansdowne, and brother to the present Secretary of State forWar ; b '46 ; E. Eton and Trinity College, Camb. (M.A. '72) ; called to the Bar '71 ; appointed '80 H.M. Commissioner on the European Commission for the organisation of Eastern Roumania, and in '83 was Plenipotentiary at the Danube Conference ; Under Foreign Secretary '82-5 ; Chairman of the C.C., and second Chairman of the Quarter Sessions, Wilts ; was a Boundary Commissioner under the Local Government Act '86 ; author of the "Life of William Earl of Shelburne, " and the "Life of Sir William Patey, " the political economist.

Smith Samuel (L.) elected for Flintshire '95 ; sat for Liverpool '82-5, Flintshire '86-95 ; e. s. of the late J. Smith, of Borgue, Kirkcudbrigt ; b. '36 ; E. Borgue Academy and Edinburgh University ; retired cotton broker and merchant of Liverpool ; J.P. for Liverpool and Kirkcudbright ; President of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce '75-7.

HARRIS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

FINAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Oct. 16.

The finals in the Harris Football Tournament between the Royal Scots and the Shropshires Light Infantry were played before a very large gathering of spectators. Interest in the game was very keen as the players being the two local regiments of the station and one that was confidently expected would be a good one. Arrangements made for the maintenance of order among so vast a crowd were, as usual, excellent and reflected greatest credit on Captain Meynell, the honorary secretary.

The first half of the game though prodigal of incidents passed without anything being scored. The Shrops were aggressive during most of the time, but the defence of the Scots back, and for the matter of that, backs of both sides were superb and the period closed with a clean sheet. The Scots were more pressing in their attentions in the second half, and turned every indiscretion to account. They scored their first success within a couple of minutes of re-starting, when the Shrops backs appeared to be off momentarily their guard and were able to add to their scores. Later on both the teams played capitally, the play of every section being without fault. Acton for the Shrops made a splendid goal-keeper, and Lieutenant Duncan for the Scots. The game ended in a win for the Scots by three gaols to nil.

At the conclusion of the game General Burnett, before presenting the Cup to the Captain of the winning Team, said that he would like to say a few words on the excellent play witnessed. At the same time he should like to say that he did not think that three goals to love represented the relative value of the two teams. With another goal-keeper possibly one goal between the two would have represented the result, but it did not matter a brass farthing one way or the other. They all were Englishmen and Englishmen's motto is to let the best man win. These games of Cricket and Football are excellent training not only for play, but also for good work in preparation for battlefield, and fit men by discipline and trai ning, and by obeying orders to act on their own initiative and become good soldiers. He concluded by congratulating the winners. He said he hoped they would yet see more matches between them.

Lieutenant Duncan on receiving the Cup from Mrs. Burnett expressed pleasure and in doing so he said that they met the Shropshires in their finals. Besides this they had not always come off victorious, so he hoped that they would not grudge them their victory on this occasion.

Cheers were given and the proceedings terminated.

BICYCLE RACE.

A Bicycle Race for Rs. 100 side, between Mr. Charles Harding, the well known bookmaker and sporting military officer from Bangalore side, took place this morning on the race course. The distance was five times round the parade ground with roads, which equally comes to a distance of between eleven and twelve miles. Harding went off with a swinging pace and did his first lap under six minutes, led during most of the journey by about a furlong and won the race by over quarter of a mile. A large number of sporting gentlemen were present and bets were taken.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

SWIMMING MEETINGS.

LONDON, Sept. 28.

In both the First and Southern Leagues on Saturday some rather unexpected results occurred, and the success of visiting clubs was somewhat extraordinary. Perhaps the chief feature was the number of drawn games that were played, the most important of which were those at Sunderland, Everton, Bristol, and Portsmouth. Out of the nine matches in the First Division, only five were brought to a definite issue, while four were drawn. The two clubs who may be said to rate as the best sides in the championship competition, both failed to do more than make a draw, in visiting matches. The Sunderland team had so for not been beaten, although they had won only one match out of three, and on Saturday they again showed to advantage their brilliant defence by repelling the severe attack of the Villa men, and drawing the game ultimately, neither side scoring. The visitors, however, still remain first on the list of the clubs competing for the championship, but statistics will show that their performances are not nearly so good as that of either Liverpool or Everton, who, although having played two matches less, are only two points behind. It was the meeting of these latter teams at Goodison Park that furnished one of the features of Saturday's programme. Both Everton and Liverpool have won their first three matches, but neither could do more than draw the game on Saturday, each side scoring one goal. Bury journeyed to Nottingham on Saturday, but the Forest team played a better game than was expected, and a goal by Plant just before the close just saved the Cup-holders from defeat. The Sheffield eleven continued the improvement which marked their match on the third Saturday, and just managed to beat Stoke after an exciting game by one goal to nothing. Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday afternoon also managed to score a win, by the large total of 4 goals to one, against Notts County ; while Bolton Wanderers, on the other hand, who, like Stoke and West Bromwich Albion, have so far failed to win a match, played a drawn game on their own ground with Preston North End. A somewhat heavy scoring game was fought at Derby between the County and Wolverhampton Wanderers, who won the match by 5 goals to 4, which, considering the records of the two teams, is a really surprising result. Newcastle maintained their fine form by defeating West Bromwich Albion by 1 goal to nil, while Manchester City were cleverly beaten by the Blackburn Rovers by one goal to nil. There are now four unbeaten clubs : Liverpool and Everton, who are now second and third on the list of results, and Newcastle and Sunderland.

Tom Vardon, brother of the ex-champion, has been appointed professional to the St. George's Club, Sandwich. Tom, who has for some time been professional to the Ilkley Club, the members of which are very sorry to lose his services, is twenty-eight years of age, and learnt club making under George Lowe at St. Anne's, Lancashire. He is one of five brothers, three of whom are professional—Fred, the third, being at the Kimberley course, Manchester. Not so robust as his champion brother, writes the "Scotsman" golfing correspondent, he has not come so much to the front ; but he has more than once beaten Harry, and in professional tournaments he has made an excellent appearance. In last Open Championship at St. Andrews he had a 79 for one of his rounds, which shows that his capabilities are of the highest ; but he lacks the staying power necessary for success. The position Tom Vardon has attained is a very coveted one, there having been a very large list of candidates. The course, one of the champion venues, is acknowledged to be one of the best in the world, and the club has a membership of 700. But Tom has all the qualities required for success ; he is a good player, a good clubmaker, a good greenkeeper, is most gentlemanly in manner, and most obliging, so that his appointment is altogether a happy one. One regrets to hear that such a good old Scot as Ramsy Hunter should have to relinquish this important position. He will have the sympathy and goodwill of the many who have visited Sandwich, whether he remain there or seek a new field of enterprise.

In place of the familiar open handicaps, clubs are now arranging for inter-club team races or handicaps limited to a certain number of swimmers. This is largely due to the difficulty of dealing with a huge crowd of competitors, and the desire to relieve galas from the monotony of heat racing. For some of the handicaps last season there were over a hundred entrants, and it therefore took some hours to work off the events. With team races it is different, and as clubs generally are interested in them they promise to become the feature of entertainments in future years. In the old days these contests were termed Royal Mail races ; then in the North they became popular as flying squadron races, and they have gradually come into vogue in the South. The teams usually consist of four members who take up their stand on the end of the bath. The distance is usually two lengths. One man from each team plunges in and swims the two lengths, then touches the feet of the next man on his side, who at once dives in, and this goes on until the last man on each side has started. Then the team whose last man reaches home first wins the trophy. Of clubs who have discarded their usual open handicap for this form of contest are the Cygnus, who hold their gala at Camberwell on Monday ; the Otter, who hold theirs at St. George's Baths on Tuesday, and the Nautilus, who have fixed theirs for Friday at the Camberwell Baths.

There are very few sport promoting clubs that have such a fine record as the Ilex Swimming Club, composed largely of members of one or other of the recognised amateur rowing clubs. At the St. Georges Baths, Buckingham Palace-road, they held their forty-first annual entertainment, and provided the customary varied and pleasing programme. Despite the bad weather experienced a large and fashionable attendance had gathered together when the first event, a plunging handicap, took place. For this there was an entry of a dozen, but three were absentees, among this number being H. W. Allason, the amateur champion of 1896 and 1897. H. H. Griffin, the well-known handicapper and timekeeper, was among the starters, but met with no success, the winner turning up in E. H. Strong, Croydon S. C., who, in the time limit of one minute, plunged 57 ft. 9in., which added to his handicap allowance of 19 ft., made an aggregate of 76 ft. 9 in. ; J. E. Durham, the well-known fancy swimmer of the Otter S.C., was second with a plunge of 66ft. 3 in., and his handicap allowance being 8 ft., made up a total of 74ft. 3 in. Thirty-four names were accepted for the 60 yards' invitation and club handicap, and provided some excellent racing, the men, especially in the final, being well together at the close. In the deciding heat it looked for a while as though the virtual scratch man, R. Curtis, Surbiton S. C., would get through, but towards the close he fell away a little, ultimately securing the fourth prize, the first three places being respectively occupied by E. S Martin, Otter S.C., H. J. Richards, Ealing S.C., and Malkin, Marcians S,C. One of the best events of the evening was an inter-rowing club team race over 240 yards, for which teams of four were entered from the London, Thames, Kingston, Kensington and Vesta Rowing Clubs. The trophy for the race is a challenge shield presented by Mr. C. A. de Mancha, L.R.C., and was first competed for in 1895, when the Thames men proved successful. For the next three years London held the shield, but last year it fell to the Vesta team, who yesterday succeeded in retaining the trophy after a fine race with the London and Kensington representatives. Messrs. O. W. Thornhill, V. B. Nesfield. R. H. A. Deere, and L. Thornhill, all members of the Ealing S. C., gave a much appreciated display of high and graceful diving while Messrs. J. E. Durham and W. H. Allason once again performed those feats in ornamental swimming so well known and looked forward to by followers of the art. F. Knowles took first place in the 60 yds. Veterans' Handicap, which made way for a water-polo match between teams from the Otter and Ealing Swimming Clubs. The game was a good one, and surprisingly free from the fouling one is accustomed to see in this branch of the sport, the Otters in the end claiming the victory by two goals to one in one of the best tempered games it has been our lot to witness. At the conclusion the prizes were presented by the president of the club, the Right Hon. Lord Ampthill.

The English jockeys must begin to think that the end of all things is at hand. For nearly thirty years, says "Truth," they have been praised to the skies on all occasions, and never by any chance mentioned but to be extravagantly magnified. The flood-tide of their popularity has now turned with a vengeance, and, the ebb being in proportion to its flow, our jockeys can now do nothing right, and of late it has frequently been hinted by papers which were formerly filled with eulogies of their achievements that they will do well for themselves to relieve the Turf of their presence and take their fantasticalities and imcompetences elsewhere. The sporting papers and racing people generally are like the sorceress in the "Arabian Nights," who could love the same object for only forty days. During that period she was overflowing with fondness. The forty days having passed, she not only discarded the favourite, but turned him into some wretched shape, such as a mangy dog. How many trainers, jockeys, and horses have undergone this fate on the Turf ? No doubt the craze for the American jockeys will pass away when something fresh arrives to supersede it. Perhaps in time to come trained monkeys will become the rage as jockeys. One result of the American invasion has been an enormous increase in the evil of foul riding, which has become scandalously common of late. In fact, there is more foul riding now in a single week than there was formerly in the course of a whole season, and, as a rule, the Stewards appear to look on with stupid unconcern. The American methods of riding and the attempts of our riders to imitate the same are the cause of this, and the Stewards of the Jockey Club will need to watch the racing at Newmarket with vigilant eyes, and it may be hoped that they will inflict severe punishment on the culprits, for the matter is becoming serious, and demands the careful attention of the authorities.

For many years it has been the custom of the Lytham and St. Annes Club to hold their autumn meeting in the latter part of October. This is a dangerous time at which to hold a meeting lasting three days, and although during recent years they may be said to have been fairly fortunate in the weather meted out to them, very few of the members would find fault with the decision of the committee to bring the fixture forward a month. Certes, during the early hours of Saturday last one was sceptical as to the wisdom of the change, as a thin, driving rain which the first few competitors had to contend against gave promise of a real soaker. Fortunately, the downpour disappeared before eleven oclock, and the game for the rest of the day was played under the most favourable conditions—a slight wind from a favourable quarter and an overcast sky. The scratch medal fell to Mr. Hilton, with a score of 78, but it appeared at one time as if his recent monopoly of scratch awards would receive a check, as after a far from promising start he came to serious grief at the fourth hole, which in the end cost him seven strokes. From that point, however, he committed few mistakes and gradually making up his leeway, reached the the turn in 40, and making good weather of it on the way home, eventually finished in 78. Mr. G. F. Smith, who once more finished in the unenviable position of second, reached the turn in 38, two strokes better than the winner at that point ; but hardly did so well on the homeward journey, requiring 42, which made his total 80. Mr. Norman M' Keble, who is shortly to leave these shores for foreign climes, finished a good third with 82. By the way, it would be interesting to know how many times Mr. Hilton has stood in the way of Mr. Smith where scratch honours are concerned. It must be a goodly number. The St. Annes course has never been seen in finer order than is the case at present, particularly through the green. It may be mentioned that it was cut from beginning to end during last week, and many portions of it would supply putting greens better than some we see on courses with great reputations. The putting greens were also in excellent condition, and the whole course was a distinct credit to those in command.

THE FAMINE.

BOMBAY RELIEF WORKS.

During the week ending the 6th instant there was light or moderate rain in five talukas of Thana, four of Bijapur and Belgaum, three of Broach, one of Surat and Poona, and parts of Satara, Jamkhandi, Dharwar and Kanara ; elsewhere there was none, or only showers of little or no use. More rain is generally required for standing crops and most urgently in parts of the Deccan and Karnatak, where kharif crops are withering and sowing for rabi crops is at a stand-still. The prices of the staple food-grains have risen in Ahmedabad and Bijapur ; elsewhere they have fallen or are stationary.

The numbers relieved are compared below with those of the preceding week.

	Preceding week.	Week under report.
Workers	336,590	279,719
Dependants	86,565	72,599
Gratuitously relieved en poor houses and villages	461,359	411,977

The numbers of relief works, including dependants have decreased in all districts. The numbers in receipt of gratuitous relief in villages and poor-houses have also decreased in all districts except Belgaum, which shows an increase of 24. Three small works under Civil Agency for the employment of people near their homes were opened in Kaira, one in Broach and one in Ahmednagar. Sixteen large works were closed during the week.

The following allotments have been sanctioned :—Rs. 2,00,000 for kitchens in Kaira, Rs. 1,70,000 for gratuitous village relief in Poona, Rs. 1,00,000 for gratuitous village relief in Kaira, Rs. 6,000 for gratuitous village relief in Nasik, Rs. 10,000 for poor-houses in Nasik.

The following additional allotments aggregating Rs. 6,47,000 have been made for takavi advances to cultivators for the rabi season :—Rs. 5,00,000 for Gujarat Districts, Rs. 60,000 for Sholapur, Rs. 50,000 for Nasik, Rs. 25,000 for Khandesh, Rs. 12,000 for Satara.

NEW PLAGUE REGULATIONS IN BENGAL.

Important modifications of the existing plague regulations have just been made by the Government of Bengal. The Regulations for Calcutta and other large towns issued in 1898 have been cancelled, their place being taken by regulations of a simpler nature, it apparently being the aim of the Government to avoid every chance of friction with the superstition and prejudices of the ignorant. Reliance is to be placed in future rather on sanitary and disinfecting precautions than on such measures as isolation, segregation, or inoculation. Indeed, the word inoculation is nowhere mentioned in the new regulations. As we have repeatedly pointed out, writes the "Englishman," the precautions suggested by science are valueless unless they are thoroughly carried out. Owing to the local and social conditions in India this is practically impossible, and Government has done wisely in refraining from striving after the unattainable at the risk of creating ill-feeling. Regulations similar to those for Calcutta have been drawn up for the smaller Municipal towns and villages, except that power has been given to certain officers to order the evacuation of streets or villages, and also to remove a patient to hospital if they think it necessary. It is curious that the rules should be more strict in the mofussil, where there is less risk of infection than in the larger towns.

MILITARY NEWS.

The Government of India have sanctioned four jamadars' commissions each in the 41st Dogras and the 46th Punjab Infantry being conferred on native gentlemen of good family of the classes required who come forward with recruits on the following scale, namely, for 50 men of the classes required, a jamadar's commission on probation. An advance of Rs. 10,000 has also been sanctioned by the Government to each of the new regiments to aid in organisation. Two British officers in each regiment are to be detached on recruiting duty until the regiments are completed to strength. The Commander-in-Chief expects that the Commanding Officers concerned will assist loyally and to the utmost of their power in providing the new regiments with the full complement of native officers and non-commissioned officers. It is also desirable that the new battalions should have a small nucleus of old soldiers in each company from whom promotions can be made during the next year or two. His Excellency will hold Commanding Officers personally responsible that all men so transferred to the new regiments are thoroughly good and efficient men.

THE VICEROY'S TOUR.

PREPARATION OF THE CLIVE.

The Royal Indian Marine Ship Clive, which will convey the Viceroy over the sea portion of his tour, is being prepared for the reception of his Excellency and Lady Curzon. The first saloon is undergoing renovation and cabins are being enlarged for the accommodation of their Excellencies. Two cabins and a passage have been converted into one specially fitted up for the Viceroy, with a dressing room attached. For Lady Curzon's use the ladies' cabin has been set apart with the first Lieutenant's room converted into a dressing-room at one end. At the opposite end is a bath-room. Electric fans and bells have been fitted up in the cabins and electric kettles have been provided for her ladyship's use. Electric communication has been established with the quarters set apart for the personal servants of their Excellencies. The punkahs have been removed from over the table in the dining saloon and electric fans substituted. On the troop deck five cabins have had to be provided to accommodate certain members of the Viceregal Staff and the first Lieutenant of the ship. The renovation of the vessel includes painting, gilding and carpeting and when this work is completed the Clive will have something of an air of regal splendour. Over the ship electric lights are being slung in rainbow fashion for special illumination should at any point in the tour a Darbar be held on board. The Viceroy and suite will be conveyed in the Clive from Karachi to Bombay and thence to Goa.

THE GUZARAT REVENUE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following letter has been addressed to the Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Bombay, by Mr. G. G. Desai:—

Sir,—With respect to the allegations of illegality and oppression in the collection of revenue in Guzarat, Government has directed that "a formal inquiry should be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Land Revenue Code" for the purpose of investigating the allegations.

It is doubtful if the inquiry can be a "formal one," for the Land Revenue Code restricts the holding of "formal inquiry" to the purposes mentioned in Rule 2 of Section 118 of the Code. The Governor-in-Council cannot, legally speaking, expand the provisions of the Code so as to include the inquiry now ordered. It cannot make an order inconsistent with the provisions of the Code.

I think it should be "an ordinary inquiry" under Section 197 of the Code.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—The intelligent portion of the public feel much obliged to Government for ordering a public inquiry to test the accuracy of the statements and general allegations made as to oppresiveness and illegality in the collection of Revenue in the Ankleshwar Taluka and Hansot Mahal of the Broach District and the Alpad Taluka of Surat. It appears that the inquiry ordered is restricted to the tracts mentioned above ; but it would be to the interests of Government and people alike if Mr. Maconochie be empowered to hear grievances bearing on this subject from the other Talukas of Broach and Surat. For some of the Khatedars and their savkars in the Talukas of Bardoli and Mandvi, and Peta Mahal Valod have, it is feared, suffered much at the hands of the Revenue employes. So also have been treated some Khatedars of the Broach Taluka. Not finding a spokesman they silently suffered. They have now reason to believe that Government is alive to its duty, and that there is somebody to hear their grievances, it is but fair to give them an opportunity of laying their grievances if they have any, before Mr. Maconochie. It is believed that a serious indictment against certain officers is presented to Government. The inquiry is to be against these officers. Would it not be wise then if the inquiry is to be a fair and impartial one, and so it is intended, that these officers be at once transferred to other Districts. Talukas or Villages ? It is feared that by placing Mr. Maconochie in subordination to the Collectors of Broach and Surat the inquiry will lose much of its value. Able, straightforward and impartial as he is, why should Government give the public any reason to suspect adverse influence. The result of his inquiry will very likely embody remarks against the Collector of the District, and it is a bad discipline if an assistant is allowed to pass remarks against the orders of his own immediate superior. Cannot Mr. Maconochie be appointed Collector on special duty.—Yours, &c.

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HIGH COURT CIRCULAR ORDERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—"A pleader" called attention of the civil courts, through the medium of the English columns of the "Gujerat Mitra" and the "Gujerat Darpan," in its issue of the 12th August last, to the High Court Circular Orders, stating "that these rulings are more honoured in the breach than in the observance" and expressing a hope "that all the civil courts will pay their due attention to them."

This is indeed very vague, It is impossible for the authorities to take action on such writings, and the mere insertion of it in a newspaper does not make any difference.

But it can safely be stated on the authority of the pleader that certain orders are disobeyed by certain Government servants.

It follows that these officers are, therefore, guilty at any rate, of disrespect to the Judges of Her Majesty's High Court, whose orders are set at naught.

It is the paramount duty of the pleader in the interests of the public good to specify the order or orders which are disobeyed and the Government servant or servants who disobey them.

When these particulars are given the District Judge, who is always anxious to set matters right, will do the needful.

By keeping back the name or names of the delinquents the pleader is doing an injustice not only to himself but to the public as well. It shows want of moral courage not to put public grievances before the proper authority.—Yours, &c.,

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Surat, Oct. 15.

NOTES FROM PANCHMAHALS AND REWAKANTHA.

Our Godhra correspondent writing on Monday, says :—There are no signs of more rain, which is urgently required for the rice and late crops, and if there is no more rain, there is likely to be another mild famine in this district. Fodder supply is sufficient, but people have no cattle to feed. The rates of grain are still as before, but a sufficient quantity of milk cannot be obtained on account of the high mortality among cattle during the famine. The rate of one pound milk is one anna instead of half anna as usual.

Mr. McNeil who was to succeed Mr. R. B. Stewart, the Collector and Political Agent on leave has been appointed Collector at Poona, and some other senior civilian will be sent here.

Rao Bahadur S. S. Bhide, Deputy Assistant Political Agent, Rewakantha had to revert to his former appointment. The Mamletdar of Sholapur on account of his health, left this place in the last week handing over his charge to Mr. Eruchsha Hormasji, the Head Clerk of the Collector, until a successor comes. The permanant incumbent, Rao Bahadur Manibhai Haribhai, who has enjoyed a long period in Rewakantha has been asked to retire at the expiration of his furlough.

Khan Bahadur Dadabhai Hormusji, the Administrator of Chhota Udepur State, who is one of the oldest officers in Rewakantha Agency, and under whose administration the State is florishing, has been granted by the Government an extension for one year.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Forbes arrived here yesterday evening.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Mackenzie arrived here this morning.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.
Surats dull.
Good Bhownugger 4 22-32.
The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	98 13-16
3 per cent. Rentes	99 3-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	109 1-2
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee papers	64 3-8
Bar Silver	29 1-8

BOMBAY CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

Yesterday afternoon a special meeting of the Improvement Trust was held at the offices, Albert Buildings. There were present Mr. S. Rebsch (presiding), Brigadier-General Ventris, the Hon. Mr. C. T. Burke, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr. W. L. Harvey, Dr. Viegas, Mr. J. Willcocks, Mr. E. Grey, Mr. F. C. Rimington, Mr. McCrae and Mr. D. E. Wacha.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER.

The Secretary of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce wrote that Mr. F. C. Rimington, managing director, Bombay Tramway Company, had been elected their representative on the Trust in place of Mr. J. M. Dick, resigned.

APPOINTMENT OF ESTATE MANAGER.

The Finance and Establishment Committee recommended the appointment of Rao Bahadur Himatlal Dhirajram, deputy engineer to the Trust as an estate manager to the Board at a salary of Rs. 1,000 per month for one year.

Mr. Wacha did not think the several duties of of attending the law courts and managing the estates could be discharged by one man. They ought to get a young man to attend the law courts and appoint a separate estates manager. He proposed as an amendment that the appointment be converted into a post of acquisition officer at Rs. 500 and of an estate manager at Rs. 200.

The chairman said the inability of one man to do all the work could be overcome by the appointment of a subordinate at Rs. 50 or Rs. 60 per month. But the Committee felt that they ought to have a responsible man and they wanted the very best and most experienced help that they could get in the acquisition arrangements.

Mr. Burke pointed out that the Board were safeguarded by the appointment being only for one year.

Mr. Wacha considered that the Trust were going on in an extravagant way in regard to salaries.

The amendment was rejected.

Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula proposed a further amendment that the salary of the estate manager be Rs. 900 with an increase if he were re-appointed.

Dr. Viegas seconded this.

Mr. Willcocks thought the labourer was worthy of his hire and if they appointed Mr. Himatlal at all they should give him Rs. 1,000.

The amendment was negatived and the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

THE MARINE LINES ESTATE.

THE PREMATURE PUBLICATION OF REPORTS.

The next business was the consideration of a report of the Land Committee submitting revised proposals for the laying out of building areas on the Marine Lines estate.

The Chairman : Before we proceed I wish to say that some of the papers have published the report of the Land Committee. The agenda was supplied to the Press as usual with the report of the Committee and apparently they thought they were at liberty to publish these reports. But I propose to inform them in future that when we supply them with these reports they are only for their private perusal prior to coming to the meeting. After the meeting if the meeting indicates that they may be reported they can publish them in extenso or do what they like with them. In the meantime, I think the Board ought to consider these matters before they are published to the city at large.

Mr. Willcocks : Why should these reports be supplied to the Press in advance ?

The chairman : Well, unless the reporters get these papers beforehand they are unable to follow our proceedings here. I don't wish to stop the supply of the papers, but I propose that the agendas sent to them shall have a slip attached asking the newspapers not to publish the reports until after the Board's meeting. I think that will meet the case entirely.

Brigadier-General Ventris proposed that the consideration of the report be postponed until the papers in connection therewith had been circulated to all the trustees.

The report was therefore deferred.

MR. WACHA WANTS INFORMATION.

Mr. Wacha, in accordance with notice moved :—That a report of the progress of buildings under construction be submitted to the Board every quarter, specifically showing—(a) The amount of original estimate sanctioned for each building, and (b) the aggregate amount actually expended and paid for each building up to the date of each report. (2.) That at every monthly meeting of the Board there be laid on the table for the information of the Trustees a return showing—(a) Each property acquired during the month preceding the date of the Board Meeting, together with the name of the locality in which it is situated, and the name of the vendor as well as of the broker, if any, who negotiated and completed the purchase, and (b) the total amount of the undischarged liability of the Trust in reference to the properties acquired. (3.) That in future the final approval and sanction of the Board be obtained for all properties recommended to be purchased by the Land Committee, whose purchase value is above Rs. 5,000. (4.) That a return be furnished to each member of the Board at its next meeting of all clerks employed on a salary of Rs. 25 per month and above, showing the following particulars :—(a) Name of each clerk. (b) Post held. (c) Monthly salary and allowances if any. (d) Place where last employed and the salary drawn there.

After discussion Mr. Wacha withdrew point 3 and in regard to point 4 said it was alleged that clerks were appointed in the offices of the Trust at three or four times the salary they were previously obtaining.

The Secretary said the appointments and salaries were sanctioned by the Board.

The proposition was agreed to and the chairman intimated that he would lay the information required on the table at the next meeting.

EVADING PLAGUE EXAMINATION.

Before Mr. Webb, acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday morning, Shaik Memon Shaik Jaffer, fireman's syrang on board the Persian Gulf mail steamer Kilwa, was charged with contravening the rules promulgated under the Epidemic Diseases Act, by substituting, at a medical inspection conducted on board on the 13th inst., one Essoob Yacoobjee, who had not been disinfected, for Shaik Mahomed Shaik Ismail, who was one of the crew as fireman's bhandaree's mate. Mr. Smith, acting Public Prosecutor, with Constable Gough, of the Harbour Sanitary Police, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. Welinker appeared for the defence. The latter said that the real man who smuggled Essoob Yacoobji on board was one Shaik Ahmed Shaik Ismael. Mr. Smith said that Shaik Ahmed, who was one of the prosecution witnesses, could not be found. Dr. Pointz, who conducted the medical examination on board the Kilwa, and Essoob Yacoobjee, the man who was substituted for Shaik Ahmed, were examined. Esoob said he was offered five rupees to personate a man. Accused informed the doctor that he had brought witness from the shore. Adam Kasam, in whose presence the offer was made to Essoob, and the bhandaree were also examined. Constable Gough spoke to the facts of the case disclosed in his information. For the defence, Thomas Corbett, chief engineer of the Kilwa, said the accused could hardly have gone out of the ship to find a substitute, as he was kept on duty on board.

Mr. Mullins, fourth engineer on board the Kilwa, corroborated the statements of Mr. Corbett.

Mr. Webb, in disposing of the case, said it was necessary to take extreme care that, in harbour medical inspections, the rules promulgated by the Government, with a view to prevent the spread of plague in other countries, should be strictly carried out. It was clear that the accused was on board the ship at the time of the medical inspection. When Essoob answered to the name of Shaik Ahmed, the missing bhundaree's mate, the accused stood by. There was also the bhundaree, Shaik Ali, who should have known the whereabouts of his old mate, Shaik Ahmed. Shaik Ali's evidence was full of contradictions, and was not worthy of reliance. He appeared not to have disclosed all he knew, and confined himself to speaking to the facts he could not very well avoid. The witnesses, Esoob and Adam, had, however, distinctly stated that the syrang, meaning the accused, came and engaged Esoob, who was to take the place of the bhundaree's man. In some respects their evidence was contradictory. The sanitary regulations made by Government should be strictly carried out ; and responsibility of the identification of the crew should rest with persons under whom they were placed to serve. It was no use putting forward the plea that the accused did not pay any attention to the muster, and allowed Essoob to pass muster for the absent man. His duty was to bring the real fact to the notice of the doctor at once ; it was his duty to inform the doctor that the man whose name was called out was absent. Had it not been for the contradictions in the evidence, and for the fact that Shaik Ali was also to blame to a certain extent, the accused should have been sent to jail ; but under the circumstances of the case, he was only fined Rs. 50.

ORGAN RECITAL AT THE CATHEDRAL.

There will be an organ recital in the Cathedral on Friday evening, at 6 p. m. by Dr. William Creser, composer and organist of H. M. Chapels Royal St. James's Palace, who is in India in the interests of Trinity College, London.

A large block of cottages has just been opened by the West Ham Board of Guardians for married couples in the workhouse, who will now be able to live together instead of being separated, as under the old system. The initial cost amounts to about £5,000.

THANA NEWS.

Our local correspondent, writing on Monday, says:—Khan Bahadur Dr. Rattanji Rustamji Dadina, L. M. and S., has been nominated a member of the Municipal Board at Bandora. Mr. Govind Raghunath Dabholkar, Takavi Officer, Broach, has been appointed Mamlatdar at Shahapoor in this district. Rao Saheb Moreshvar Keshev Kanekar, B.A., has been appointed Second Class Magistrate at Bandora from the 8th instant.

An enjoyable gathering of members of the Kayastha Parbhoo Social Club, Thana, was held in the Club Hall under the presidency of Mr. Raghunath Shivram Tipnis, B.A., LL.B., Sessions Judge of Thana, on Sunday week last. The hall was tastefully decorated by Mr. Govind Balvant Pradhan, Mr. Kharkar and others. Several Parbhu gentlemen of the town were invited to attend the gathering. Mr. Pradhan B.A., LL.B., Honorary Secretary of the Club, spoke on the past and present history of the K.P.S. Club and thanked the president for his kind presence. Mr. Tipnis made a suitable speech. There was a singing in the evening, and after partaking a light refreshment and distribution of pan, atter and gulab the gathering dispersed.

It is stated that the construction of a portion of the Anglo-Vernacular School belonging to the East Indian Association at Papdi in Bassein will be completed shortly. The daily average number in the school is somewhere about 40 to 45; notwithstanding there having been more than one hundred Catholic boys and girls of school-going age at Papdi. It is a sad fact that the Native Christians of this place pay very little attention to the education of their children, and it is to be hoped that the priests and leading Christian gentlemen of Papdi will co-operate in providing better for the education of Catholic children of both sexes.

The daily average number of persons employed on relief works under Public Works Agency in the Thana District during past week was as follows:—Men 69, women 59 and children 21. Daily average number of people relieved in poor-houses during the week was as follows:—62 men, 116 women and 165 children.

The medical inspection of third class passengers by all the down trains at Palghar on the B. B. and C. I. Railway and at Kalyan on the G. I. P. Railway was re-commenced from the 1st instant. One third-class passenger from Bombay was found to be suffering from bubonic fever, when removed from train at Kalyan during last week. He was detained for treatment under the special medical officer at that station in the Thana District.

A Revenue and Police Patel named Cowlia, of the village of Dharna, in Panvel Taluka of Alibag Zillah, who was charged with having murdered Nagia son of Gania, and Kania, son of Balla and caused grievous hurt t Haria with an axe in June lastis being tried by Mr. Tipins, Sessions Judge of Thana.

A Portuguese clerk named Lopes employed in the Medical Stores, Bombay, resident of Charai in Thana committed suicide by drowning himself in a well in the Borah's grave-yard on Friday last.

The agriculturists in Thana say that a little rain was needed at the end of last month, yet they should be content as the bhat (rice) crops all round are reported to be in fair condition. The weather here is fine at present. The mornings, are growing cold and dewy. The effects of the famine continue to be still felt, as the prices of staple food-grain, as yet stands the same.

Twenty-seven deaths (including six from plague) were registered in the town of Thana during the past week. Thirty-four deaths (includes six from plague) were recorded in the Municipal District of Coorla in this Taluka during the same period.

Mr. J. P. Orr, Collector and District Magistrate of Thana will leave, with his office clerks for Kalyan Division on circuit, after the Diwalee Holidays, next week.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague, Attacks.	Plague, Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	2	2	10
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	1	5	27
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	11	3	23
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	1	0	6
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	1	27
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	0	6
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	7
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	3	20
Total	18	14	131
Total plague deaths to date	80,031	66,281	
Same date last year	19	17	102

MORTALITY OF THE WEEK.

The total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending yesterday was 940 as against 946 during the previous week. Of the total number 85 died from plague and 17 from cholera, the figures for the preceding week being 87 and 30 respectively. The total mortality of the corresponding period of the last year was 834, while that of plague was 133.

PLAGUE IN POONA.

The following are the plague returns of the Poona City from 13th to 14th instant:—

	Cases.	Deaths.
Bhavani	9	10
Narayan	2	3
Sadashiv	2	3
Shukurwar	7	9
Nana	13	11
Kasba	13	14
Ganesh	4	3
Vetal	7	3
Budhwar	5	5
Ganj	3	2
Ghorapade	1	1
Shanvar	2	1
Raviwar	11	10
Mangalwar	6	6
Somwar	1	2
Rasta	1	0
Nihal	0	0
Gultekdi	0	0
Bhamburda	0	0
Unknown	1	1
	88	81

The total mortality was 86.

PRESIDENCY PLAGUE RETURNS.

The cases of plague and deaths therefrom reported to Government during the week ending October 5, were as follows:—

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bombay	155	86
Poona (including Cantonment)	646	548
Districts.		
Surat	9	6
Thana	54	45
Nasik	188	172
Poona (excluding City)	6	13
Ahmednagar	1	1
Kolaba	9	4
Belgaum	280	186
Dharwar	127	89
Kanara	5	5
Political Agencies.		
Kathiawar	4	4
Kolhapur	84	64
Cutch	6	6
Total	1,587	1,225
Week ending 28th Sept	1,629	1,245
Total to date	403,114	315,822

Karachi, Ahmedabad, Panch Mahals, Kaira, Broach, Khandeish, Satara, Sholapur, Ratnagiri, Bijapur, Karachi (excluding City), Hyderabad (Sind), Shikarpur, Upper Sind frontier, Thar and Parkar, Mahi Kantha, Rewa Kantha, Palanpur, Savantvadi, Baroda territory, Aden, Dharampur, Sachin, Janjira, Akalkot, Aundh, Bhor, and Savanur, were free during the week.

DIVINE SERVICE.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

Wednesday, 17th October.

Eve of Saint Luke, Evangelist.

6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral)—Hymns 450 and 431.

Thursday, 18th October—Saint Luke's Day.

7-15 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral). Hymns 433 243 and 221.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.

Afghan Memorial Church.

Thursday, October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

Festival of Saint Luke, E. M.

17th, 8 p.m.—Choral Evensong.
18th, 7 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

COMPLETE BOER COLLAPSE.

OCCUPATION OF KOMATI POORT.

ENEMY'S GUNS DESTROYED.

THE ADVANCE TOWARDS KOMATI POORT.

(From the mail papers of Sept. 21 to 28.)

The following despatch from Lord Roberts was issued by the War Office on Friday night:—

Watervalboven, Sept. 20, 9-50 a.m.—Pole-Carew reached Kaapmuiden yesterday morning, with Henry's Mounted Infantry, the Guards Brigade following in the afternoon. He reports that there was practically no road, and that a way had to be cut through the jungle, intersected with ravines. At the railway station there were 13 engines, eleven of which were damaged and eight burnt. Several trucks were also found, 38 of which contained flour, 27 coal, one coffee, four machinery, eight stationary, others empty, altogether 114. A good deal of the flour and coffee had been destroyed.

The bridge over the Kaap River has been destroyed, but the old deviation can, it is said, be easily repaired. Other damage was done to the railway points, etc., but these are gradually being improved, and I hope to hear to-morrow that the portion of Pole-Carew's Division has reached Hectorspruit.

Ian Hamilton's column is one march behind the Guards' Brigade. At French Bob on the 19th Pole-Carew's troops captured five waggons laden with ammunition and rifles.

Kelly-Kenny reports that the concentration of the enemy at Doornberg has been broken, and that there is now no organised opposition in the south of the Orange River Colony.

An unfortunate accident occurred at Watervalonder last night, by which Lieutenant M. P. Clarke, of the Royal Warwick, was severely wounded while going the rounds. Wind was blowing at the time, and he either did not hear the sentry challenge, or the sentry did not hear his reply. He was shot at a few yards' distance; the bullet entered near the collar-bone and came out at the back. It is a clean wound, and is not considered dangerous.

OCCUPATION OF KOMATI POORT.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The following telegram from Lord Roberts to the Secretary of State for War was issued on Monday:—

Pretoria, September 24, 10-55 a.m.—The Guards' Brigade, under Generaı Pole-Carew occupied Komati Poort at 8 a.m. this morning. A few rifle shots were passed. The bridge is intact, but had been prepared for destruction.

A very large amount of rolling-stock and locomotives have been captured; also some truck loads of Long Tom ammunition.

BOER GUNS DESTROYED.

Lord Roberts hes sent the following telegram to the Secretary of State for War:—

Pretoria, September 24, 9-50 p.m.—General Pole-Carew reports that they found at Komati Poort one Long Tom, 98-pounder gun, and one Creusot gun destroyed, and it is believed there is also another gun destroyed there. Three hundred rifles were also found as well as 30 boxes of small arms ammunition, 40 Long Tom shells, and 130 boxes of other shells. One cog-weel engine was also captured, which will be very useful between Watervalboven and Watervalonder. Lord Kitchener reports from Malelane Station that the Selati branch is blocked with rolling-stock, and that as the bridge over the Crocodile River on this line is intact, there will not be much difficulty in getting it away. During a short march which Barton took from Krugersdorp he took nine prisoners of war, 720 trek oxen, 950 cattle, 1,000 sheep, 34 ponies, and 17 good waggons. De Lisle mentions that in skirmishing yesterday near Heilbron P. W. Mitchell, Kitchener's Horse was killed.

Lord Roberts has sent the following telegram to the War Office:—

Pretoria, Sept. 25.—Ian Hamilton has found in the Crocodile River, near Hector Spruit, several guns, most of them destroyed. Amongst them are two 12-pounders which belong to Q. Battery R.H.A., two 75-millimetre Creusot guns, 3-inch Krupp 1895 pattern, one 75-millimetre Vickers-Maxim quick-firing mounted gun numbered "D 4541," two Pom-poms, one 7-pounder R.M.L. mountain gun, three muzzle-loading mountain guns, hexagonal bore. There is besides a good deal of debris of carriages and probably of some more guns. Pole-Carew reports that there is an enormous amount of rolling stock on the main and Selati lines in good order. On the Selati line alone the vehicles extend for eight miles, and there is besides a great deal which has been damaged by fire. There is evidence of quantities of supplies having been burnt. He states that Komati Poort is in an indescribably filthy condition, and that he is in telegraphic communication with Lourenco Marques.

BOERS FIGHTING UNDER COMPULSION.

300 KEPT PRISONERS IN DELAREY'S LAAGER.

We have received the following despatch which has been sent to the War Office by Lord Roberts:—

Nelspruit, September 20.—Capain Perkins, New South Wales Medical Corps, who was captured by the Boers near Hekpoort on the 10th with three ambulances, and taken to Rustenburg, has been released, and arrived at Commandos Nek yesterday. Five of the six men taken with Perkings and four prisoners of Ridley's Mounted Infantry were released at the same time. The Boers left the ambulances, making capital of the fact that a few of their own rifles kept by the ambulance men as curious were found in them. Perkins and men were placed in the Rustenburg prison, where they were visited by Delarey and Smuts. In the prison were 70 other Boer prisoners, and in Delarey's laager 300, who had refused to break their oath and fight again. Of those who are fighting a few are irreconcilables, but the greater part are doing so under compulsion. When Perkins's party was captured the women in farms in the neighbourhood clamoured to have them all shot. The names of the released men are:—New South Wales Medical Corps, Sergt. Maund, Corporals Dobellan and Harkalsh, Privates Henry, Hartnett and Harrison; New South Wales Bushmen, Troopers Board and Tasker; Border Horse, Trooper Shepherd; Brabant's Horse, Trooper Man. The following sick men were detained by the Boers at Rustenburg:—New South Wales Medical Corps, Private Norris; Roberts's Horse, Trooper White, injured by fall from his horse. General C. Knox reports an engagement in the Kroonstad-Lindley road with the enemy yesterday. Hildyard reached Gegand overlooking Vryheid on the 18th. His advance guard met with slight opposition. He met Dartnell's column at Blood River.

IMPORTANT SUCCESS BY METHUEN.

GUN LOST AT COLENSO RECOVERED—BIG CAPTURES.

The following telegram from Lord Roberts to the Secretary of State for War was received on Saturday:—

Pretoria, September 21.—On the morning of the 19th inst. Methuen, when marching from Jaagkraal towards Schweizer Renecke (Hamusa), on Harts River, heard of a Boer convoy moving in a north-easterly direction. He at once pursued and completely routed the party. He captured a fifteen-pounder gun lost by the 14th Field Battery at Colenso, twenty-six waggons, some carts, 8,000 cattle, 4,000 sheep, some rifles, and about 20,000 rounds of small arms ammunition. He also got twenty-eight prisoners, eight of whom belonged to the Staats Artillery, and three Cape rebels.

HILDYARD OCCUPIES VRYHEID.

THERON'S DEATH CONFIRMED.

Lord Roberts, in a message from Pretoria, dated September 21, says:—Hildyard occupied Vryheid on the 19th. The enemy, under Commandant C. Botha, had taken up a strong position, which was turned by Gough's and Bethune's Mounted Infantry. Our casualties reported to be very few. Clery reports that a patrol of Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry under Captain Shea, surprised a body of the enemy, said to be Theron's Scouts, this morning near Vaal Station. One of the scouts was killed, one wounded, and one taken prisoner. A bag of dynamite was also captured. The prisoner is a Hollander-American. He confirms Theron's death, and says the party was making for Lydenburg.

GREAT CAPTURES OF BOER SUPPLIES.

DESPATCHES FROM LORD ROBERTS.

The following despatch from Lord Roberts was received at the War Office on Monday:—

Pretoria, September 22, 9-20 p. m.—Buller reports that 58 burghers surrendered to him at Spitzkop, 20 at Devil's Knuckles, and several more at Lydenburg. Some Imperial Light Horse returning from French Bob captured 20 prisoners and 200 rifles, and burnt some wagons and ammunition. Major-General W. Knox reports from Kroonstad that the detachment at Roodevaal Spruit, under Lieutenant Best, opened fire at midnight on some Boers crossing the line, and this morning they found two abandoned wagons, one full of dynamite. Dynamite had been laid under the line in several places but the Boers' hasty flight prevented any damage being done. The Colonial Division, which is moving about between Heilbron and Lindley, yesterday captured four wagons, 2,000 sheep, and 120 cattle. In a telegram from Bethlehem received to-day General Rundle reports that Major A. E. Cavendish, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Colonel F. C. Blair, Imperial Yeomanry, were slightly wounded on 17th inst., the former in left wrist, the latter in left thigh. Both officers are doing duty. Kelly-Kenny reports that a patrol of three Yeomanry were captured by the Boers at Doornkop between four and five this morning. One of them, who had come to Virginia, reports that they were all released upon taking oath not to fight again. The few men now left under Coazie and Pienaars, the two Boer commanders in the most eastern part of the Transvaal, are completely out of hand. They are nearly all Boers, the foreign mercenaries having taken their departure for Lourenco Marques owing to the Portuguese authorities having promised to maintain them while there and give them passages to their respective countries.

ATTACK ON ELANDS RIVER GARRISON.

The following telegram from Lord Roberts was issued on Monday:—

Pretoria, September 23.—Early yesterday morning a party belonging to Erasmus's commando attacked the Elands River railway station. Their shells damaged some of the buildings, and one of our men was wounded, but the little garrison drove off the enemy without being reinforced, and I think the Boers must have regretted having left their camp, for during their absence it was captured by Paget, who made a forced march of 26 miles during the night with the West Riding Regiment, two companies of the Wiltshires, two companies of the Munster Fusiliers, the C. I. V. Battery, and two 5-inch guns, captured Erasmus's camp, 2,500 cattle, 6,000 sheep, 50 horses, 12 prisoners, 20 rifles, and some ammunition.

Methuen moved on the 20th inst. to Rietpan, 45 miles east of the Vryburg Railway Station, and drove a party of the Boers before him, capturing 634 cattle, 3,000 sheep, 29 horses, and 24 donkeys.

Pole-Carew should be at Hector Spruit Station to-day. Ian Hamilton's column will be a few miles behind, as it was not to leave Kaapmuiden Station until this morning.

Erasmus's commando suffered more severely than I have reported, as from telegram just received from Paget it seems that Plumer's Bushmen also engaged it yesterday and captured 11 prisoners, 750 cattle, and 1,600 sheep.

THE BOER COLLAPSE.

THREE THOUSAND SURRENDER IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORY.

The Boers have evacuated all their positions on the Portuguese frontier. At eleven o'clock on Sunday morning they destroyed their Long Toms. Loud explosions were heard and great columns of smoke were visible from Ressano Garcia. They then crossed the border and surrendered with their arms, ammunition, and horses to the Portuguese, who sent the whole force of 3,000 men, including General Pienaars and his staff, under escort to Delagoa Bay, where they were all lodged at the barracks. The Boers are allowed to go out and in freely, and no restrictions are imposed on them. They look in a desperate condition. They are ragged, unkempt, and gaunt, and glad that the war, so far as they are concerned, is over. They were evidently kept in ignorance of the real progress of the war and the recent British advances, and were informed that foreign intervention was assured.

The sudden and bloodless collapse of the Boers has been brought about (says the Lourenco Marques correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph") not altogether through the demoralisation due to persistent defeats, but in some measure to diplomacy from Lourenco Marques. It is hard to get at the exact truth, as the British Consul-General is reticent and the Governor, Senhor Machado, equally so, but from what I can gather both these gentlemen entered into a diplomatic scheme to bring about speedily the much-desired end to the campaign, with the result already known.

It appears that the Komati bridge was saved through the intervention of Mr. Kruger, prompted by the British Consulate. The Dutch cruiser Gelderland will take Mr. Kruger to Europe. She sails in fourteen days' time.

LORD ROBERTS DECLARES THE WAR OVER.

Mr. Bennet Burleigh has reached Lourenco Marques, and he telegraphs from that place to the "Daily Telegraph" a long and picturesque account of the final collapse of the Boer army which had feebly resisted the advance of the British army towards the Portuguese border. Mr. Burleigh says:—The Boer debacle is complete. By dint of hard riding from Barberton I entered Komati Poort with our scouts. Not a shot was fired, nor was a Boer seen during the march. Evidences of the enemy's monkeyish destructiveness were everywhere conspicuous, however. Bridges had been dynamited, stores, buildings, and homesteads looted and burned, as had also the railway property, all the chief stations being mere masses of smoking ruins, among them Kaapmuiden, Hector Spruit, and Komati Poort. At the latter place there is an enormous area over which the Boers have wrought desturuction, and the devastation includes hundreds of waggons, trucks and carriages, which have been burned, together with all kinds of stores—clothing, ammunition, forage, and provisions, such as sugar, coffee, rice, flour, and stationery. Thousands of tons are, indeed, still burning.

On my way from Barberton I saw at Hector Spruit the burst Boer guns and destroyed stores, and in the Crocodile River there were visible literally acres of damaged gun ammunition, waggons, limbers, dynamite detonators, and war stores of every sort and description. When I passed through Komati Poort I noticed, besides the burning stores, hundreds of tons of ammunition of all kinds, caps, gunpowder, and other explosives, ready-fused shells, from pom-pom to 6-inch, broken rifles, and cannon. The enemy had left standing many tents, and a great waste of the effects of the Boers was evident. Trunks, furniture, provisions, clothing, etc., were lying about in every direction, and in the rocky bed of the tumbling, foaming river were yet more enormous quantities of stores, ammunition, rifles, cannon, and foodstuffs. Later on our soldiers ventured to fish out tins of milk, jams, and other provisions, harvesting sackloads of them.

Mr. Burleigh adds:—I learn that Lord Roberts yesterday declared the war to be over. Certainly only insignificant bands are now left in either colony. There is no good reason why the war might not have been ended six months earlier had vigour been exercised in attacking and pursuing the Boers. Lord Roberts has undoubtedly been hampered by much slowness, almost timidity, on the part of many of his subordinates. Such officers never gauged the character of their enemy. New men and new methods are demanded. Any good police force, say one of 20,000 men, can do the rest of the work of pacification and security. In fact, we have swept the States now, and only the dusting is required. General French is leaving a garrison to hold auriferous Barberton and to guard the railway communications, which will be restored soon, as the repair of the Avoca Bridge and the deviation construction is proceeding. He goes to Steynsdorp, and thence along the Swazi border, cleaning up Tobias Smuts' Carolina, and Ermelo commandoes and the rest of the debris. Other generals will do the same west of Pretoria and on the eastern borders of the Orange River Colony. All the Volunteers and Colonials could now (Mr. Burleigh thinks) be safely disbanded or sent home.

THE PROSPECTS OF GUERILLA WARFARE.

Pretoria, September 20.—The threatened debacle of the Boer forces has at last arrived. Mr. Kruger's flight has produced its logical consequence in the unwillingness of the Boers to continue the struggle. The 700 who have invaded Portuguese territory consist chiefly of the Foreign Legion.

If Mr. Schalk Burger refuses to accept the responsibility of surrendering, there is reason to believe that guerilla warfare will continue for several months.—Reuter.

Capetown, September 25.—The value of the engines found at Barberton is estimated at £500,000.—Reuter.

FOURTEEN LONG TOMS ACCOUNTED FOR.

Pretoria, September 25.—Altogether 14 Long Toms can be accounted for.—Reuter.

Pretoria, September 25.—General Pole-Carew found at Komati-Poort two Long Toms. Altogether General Ian Hamilton accounts for twelve guns at Hector Spruit.—Reuter.

Capetown, September 25.—A large number of guns, most of them damaged, have been found in the Crocodile River near Hector Spruit. Practically the whole of the Republican railway stock has been captured on the Selati line. The vehicles, which extended over eight miles of line, were found to be in good condition. Before the arrival of the British a large number of waggons had been burnt by the Boers, who also set fire to considerable quantities of supplies. General Pole-Carew is in communication with Lourenco Marques.—Reuter.

FINE WORK BY THE GUARDS, BRIGADE.

Pretoria, September 25.—The march of the Guards' Brigade was one of the hardest bits of work yet accomplished. Thick bush impeded its progress, and it was necessary to cut every step of the way. The men worked cheerfully, but the fatigue was excessive. There was little disease. They present a striking contrast to their smart appearance in London. When they left Pretoria they discarded their helmets wearing instead slouch hats. The change was much appreciated.—Reuter.

VILJOEN'S RETREAT.

A Reuter's Spitzkop telegram says that General Viljoen's force followed the Selati railway and crossed it at Sabie Bridge. Everything points to his intention being to effect a junction with De Wet.

A later telegram says:—Part, if not the whole, of the Boer force which moved from Hector Spruit is now coming along the Maymae River westwards. It is reported that the main force intends moving to Pietersburg Ex-President Steyn is with the force.

BULLER ADVANCING.

General Buller on Sunday moved five miles along the road leading to Sabie Drift, but was compelle to remain in camp on Monday owing to the non arrival from Nelspruit of a transport which had to wait there for supplies.

General Viljoen, according to reports received at Spitzkop, is awaiting battle. He is encamped on the other side of the Sabie, where our scouts have been watching his camp daily.

IN PURSUIT OF DE WET.

STRONG COLUMN LEAVES PRETORIA.

Pretoria, September 24.—A strong mounted force under Colonel De Lisle has left in pursuit of De Wet. —Reuter.

Pretoria, September 24.—The mounted force which has started in pursuit of De Wet is splendidly equipped. It is inadvisable to give its composition at present. Each man has two horses, the gun teams are doubled, and the transport is carried on Cape carts.—Reuter.

FIGHTING IN NATAL.

Durban, September 26, 10-30 a. m.—A telegram received here states that an engagement between the Natal Mounted Rifles, with a detachment of Lancers and the Boers, has occurred near Van Reenen's Pass. The British were successful, and had no casualties. Another Dundee rebel has been fined £100 or six months' imprisonment. He burst into tears on receiving sentence, thanking the Court for its leniency. —Exchange Telegraph Company.

A HILL GALLANTLY CAPTURED.

Bloemfontein, September 21.—On the 19th inst. a small Boer patrol entered Ficksburg, but was driven out. The patrol then took up a position on Stafford Hill, and an engagement ensued, the hill being ultimately gallantly captured by five police. The Boers fled northwards.—Reuter.

"B.-P." RETURNS TO PRETORIA.

Major-General Baden-Powell has left Capetown for Pretoria, having been unexpectedly summoned thither by Lord Roberts. General Baden-Powell will, therefore, be unable to visit Durban. The fact has caused great disappointment, as elaborate preparations had been made at Durban to welcome him.

MRS. KRUGER REFUSES TO LEAVE PRETORIA.

Durban, September 21.—Mrs. Murray, a niece of General Botha, accompanied by the General's daughter, has arrived at Pietermaritzburg from Pretoria, on her way to Greytown. In an interview Mrs. Murray said that General Botha's wife had received news of her husband through Lord Roberts. The General had not been ill, as had been reported. All the wives and families of prominent burghers were allowed to remain in Pretoria. Mrs. Kruger still resided at the Presidency, under the protection of a British guard. It was reported that she had refused to join the ex-President in his flight.—Reuter.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

LADY NORTHCOTE.

The *Indian Spectator* enlogises Lady Northcote's interest in the Countess of Dufferin's Fund in the following terms: We referred in our last issue to the deep interest that her Excellency Lady Northcote is taking in the work of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund. We understand that she has subscribed the munificent sum of Rs. 10,000 to the Fund. With such a splendid start, it would be a shame if our leading men did not rally to to support of this important cause, contributing freely of their resources and efforts.

WAITING FOR LORD CURZON.

The *Rast Goftar* pays His Excellency Lord Curzon the following graceful compliment: The leading journal cannot see how Lord Salisbury could be spared from the Foreign Office, till the country could command the services of the brilliant statesman now at the head of Indian affairs. A higher compliment to the genius and abilities of a rising statesman it would be impossible to pay. By this time, all of us have come to acknowledge Lord Curzon as one of the very few really great statesmen, who have ruled England's Eastern Empire, since it passed into her hands; and the fact that there is found none at the disposal of the great Conservative party, either in or out of the Cabinet, to relieve Lord Salisbury, just now, should help us to appreciate India's good fortune in having such a Viceroy, at its proper value. Let us pray the need of relieving Lord Salisbury of the burden of the Foreign portfolio may not become so pressing as to necessitate the recall of Lord Curzon before he has finished his term of office here, and completed the good work of reforming Indian administration to which he has so zealously set himself.

A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY TO BE VICEROY.

Regarding Mrs. Annie Besant's suggestion, the "Indian Spectator" says: Mrs. Annie Besant's suggestion about the appointment of a member of the Royal family to the Viceroyalty comes rather late. There was a time and that, not many years ago, when such a step would have had all the effects she ascribes to it. But that time is now past, and we should not risk the experiment till things have been put on a settled footing once again. Indian problems have grown acute, and it will need all the best statesmanship of the ruling country to find a solution for them, that will be permanent and satisfactory.

THE NEW HEALTH OFFICER OF BOMBAY.

The "Rast Goftar" supports the selection of Dr. Joseph Priestley as the new Health Officer of Bombay. Says our contemporary:—The Committee of the Corporation, appointed for the selection of a Health Officer for Bombay, may be congratulated upon the success of their efforts to find out a really able and competent man for the post, recently vacated by Dr. Weir. The Committee have, after a patient examination of the claims of the several candidates, unanimously resolved to recommend to the Corporation the appointment of Dr. Joseph Priestley, the present Medical Officer of Health to the parish of Lambeth, as our Executive Health Officer. Dr. Priestley's qualifications are all that could be desired, and we may anticipate that the Corporation will have no hesitation in accepting the choice of their Committee.

MR. GILES ON NATIVE PUBLICATIONS.

The "Rast Goftar" entertains far greater respect for Mr. Giles and has a better opinion about his talents than some of the native journals appear to do, basing their judgment upon his recent report on Native Publications. Our contemporary adds: But no intelligent man, who runs his eye over this document, will hesitate to acknowledge that the experiment of getting the Director of Public Instruction to review native publications, in prose and verse, reviewed by an Englishman has proved a complete failure. For this failure Mr. Giles is not so much to blame as the Government who set him to do it. The work, if it is to be satisfactorily done, requires a man of other qualifications than those Mr. Giles' is reputed to possess. It is not enough that the reviewer should be able to make a tolerably decent translation of a vernacular publication into his own language, or talk fluently in Gujerati, Mahrathi and Hindustani. If these were the only qualifications needed, a native, copyist in the Secretariat, of ten or fifteen years' standing, should be able to review such publications equally well—and perhaps better.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS IN GUJERAT.

The "Indian Spectator" remarks that the Bombay Government have passed orders on the representation of the Hon. Mr. Gokaldas Parekh regarding revenue collections in parts of Broach and Surat with praiseworthy promptitude. Our contemporary adds:—

Objection has indeed been taken to the appointment of Mr. E. Maconochie, a comparatively junior civilian, whose service has been almost exclusively in the Revenue Department to conduct the investigation and the objection would not diminish in force if that officer were committed to any views either on the general question of the land revenue policy or of the special one of the revenue paying capacity of the districts concerned in the present enquiry. The "Bombay Gazette" hint that Mr. Maconochie would have been even more valuable as a witness than a judge in the matter, and the "Times of India" takes exception to his temporary appointment for the purposes of the enquiry as Assistant Collector of Broach and Surat, which places him in a position of subordination to those on whose acts he has practically to sit in judgment. It is hard to believe that such obvious objections did not suggest themselves to Government, and we do not know if even yet something cannot be done to meet them. Ong thing is certain, namely, that the results of the enquiry must have a far-reaching effect and, consequently it is desirable that there should be no room afterwards to question the finality of the verdict.

The "Rast Goftar" writes: We have nothing but praise for the promptitude with which the Bombay Government have undertaken to institute a public inquiry into the allegations contained in the letter of the Hon'ble Mr. Parekh with reference to revenue collections in Gujerat. The inquiry is to be a full and strictly impartial one, and all persons concerned will be permitted to have the assistance of a pleader or recognized agent. The proceeding being judicial, oaths or affirmations will be administered, and false evidence will be punishable under the Penal Code. Mr. E. Maconochie I. C. S., will hold this inquiry court. As to the qualifications of the gentleman to conduct such an inquiry there cannot be two opinions.

The "Kaiser-i-Hind" observes: It would have been ever so much more satisfactory if an officer of judicial training and experience had been associated with Mr. Maconochie in the conduct of the inquiry. In this matter evidence is to be weighed, and truth is to be found out from conflicting statements, while all the formalities laid down by law as regards the admissibility or non-admissibility of certain evidence will have to be conformed to. Therefore, it would have been better if a judicial officer of good standing were nominated. In the second place, we wish that the formalities of the Land Revenue Code which necessitated the appointment of Mr. Maconochie as assistant to the Collectors of Broach and Surat could have been done away with. It must be borne in mind that though almost all the allegations are made against the lower Revenue officers, yet the district officers cannot well escape the heavy responsibility resting upon them.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, October 13.)

MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

In modification of this office Notification No. 862 M dated the 19th Sept 1900 it is hereby notified that H E the Viceroy and Govr Genl will leave Simla on Thursday the 25th Oct.

His Excellency will visit Karachi, Bhuj, Somnath, Junagarh, Rajkot, Surat, Bombay, Bijapur, Hampi (Bellary), Mormugao, Goa, North Canara, Cochin, Quilon, Taivandrum, Tinnevelly, Madura, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Mysore, Bangalore, Madras and Rambha, and arrive at Calcutta on Monday the 17th Dec.

All covers intended to reach H E the Viceroy and Govr Genl during His Excellency's tour should be addressed His Excellency the Viceroy's Camp without the addition of any post-town.

The party accompanying His Excellency on tour is as follows:—Her Excellency Lady Curzon; Sir William Cunningham K C S I Foreign Secy; W R Lawrence Esq C I E Private Secy; Major The Hon E Baring Military Secy; J B Wood Esq Under Secy Foreign Dept—at Rajkot, Surat and Bombay; Lt Col E H Fenn C I E Surgeon to the Viceroy; Capt R G T Baker Carr A D C; Capt W McL Campbell A D C; Capt H B DesV Wilkinson A D C; Capt G E Tyrrell A D C; and F W Latimer Esq Asst Private Secy to the Viceroy.

All communications of a mere routine nature should b sent as usual to the Headquarters of the several Depts.

In modification of this office Notification No 863 M dated the 20th Sept 1900 it is hereby notified that H E the Viceroy's Levee at Karachi will be held at 10 p.m. on the 27th Oct 1900 instead of on the 24th idem.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The services of Major J R Dunlop Smith of the Indian Staff Corps are temporarily placed at the disposal of the Military Dept

The services of Mr R E V Arbuthnot of the Indian Civil Service are placed at the disposal of the Dept of Revenue and Agriculture with effect from the 29th inst

Mr J Knox Wight has been permitted to resign H M's Indian Civil Service with effect from the 20th July 1900

The services of Captain J Thornhill 6th Madras Infantry are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of the NW Provinces and Oudh for employment on plague duty

ECCLESIASTICAL.

The Rev W J Wickins a Junior Chaplain in the Bengal Calcutta Ecclesiastical Estabt to be a Senior Chaplain with effect from the 8th Oct 1900

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Lieut A H O Young Royal Army Medical Corps is appointed to the medical charge of the Bundelkhand Political Agency in addition to his military duties with effect from the date of assuming charge

Capt A H McMahon C S I C I E I S C a Political Agent of the 1st class is posted on return from privilege leave as Political Agent for Dir Swat and Chitral

Capt B E M Gurdon C I E D S O I S C a Political Asst of the 1st offg Political Agent of the 4th class is posted as Asst Political Agent at Chitral.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr R M Dane C I E Commissioner Northern India Salt Revenue is granted privilege leave for one month and twenty-seven days with effect from the 26th of Sept 1900.

Mr A F Ashton Depy Commissioner Northern India Salt Revenue is appointed to officiate as Commissioner Northern India Salt Revenue during the absence on privilege leave of Mr Dane or until further orders.

Mr H Heseltine Assit Secy to the Govt of India Finance and Commerce Dept is granted privilege leave for two months and fifteen days with effect from the 7th of Nov.

Mr C W C Carson Assit Accountant Genl Bombay is appointed to officiate assit Secy to the Govt of India Finance and Commerce Dept during the absence on privilege leave of Mr Heseltine or until further orders.

Mr K B Wagle Assit Accountant Genl Burma is granted furlough for one year and one month with effect from the 2nd of Nov 1900.

The following promotions and reversions officers of the Account Dept during the month of Aug 1900 are notified:—

With effect from the 2nd of Aug 1900 in consequence of the grant of privilege leave to Mr M F Gauntlett—Messrs F G H Anderson and H G H Keene to officiate in class I Mr W D F Cowley to officiate in class II Mr F C Brewin to officiate in class III Mr C W C Carson to officiate in class IV and Mr Bhimasena Rau to officiate in class V of the Enrolled List.

With effect from the 7th of Aug—Mr F C Brewin to officiate in class IV instead of in class III. Mr C W C Carson to officiate in class V instead of in class IV and M Bhimasena Rau to officiate in class VI instead of in class V of the Enrolled List.

With effect from the 21st of Aug 1900 in consequence of the grant of privilege leave to Mr Chunilal—Mr Bhimasena Rau to officiate in class V of the Enrolled List.

With effect from the 27th of Aug—Mr A M Brigstocke to officiate in class I Mr M F Gauntlett to revert to class II Messrs F G H Anderson and H G H Keene to officiate in class II instead of in class I Mr W D F Cowley to officiate in class III instead of in class II Mr A Newmarch to officiate in class IV instead of in class III Mr J C Mitra to officiate in class V instead of in class IV and Mr Bhimasena Rau to officiate in class VI instead of in class V of the Enrolled List.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Bret Col W H Riddell 1st Batt Bedfordshire Regt offg Asst Adjt-Genl on the establishment of the Bombay Command is confirmed in that appointment vice Bt-Lieut-Col F J Aylmer V C R E whose tenure has expired and in the room of Bt-Lieut-Col C L Woollcombe Asst Adj-Genl to be transferred from the Bombay to the MadrasCommand Dated 4th Oct 1900.

Major C T Robinson R A 16th Battery Royal Field Artillery to be a Depy Asst Adj Gen on the establishment vice Capt W S Banks who has vacated dated 22nd Sept 1900.

Capt A H Bingley 7th The Duke of Connaught's Own Rajput Ret of Bengal Infy to be Depy Asst Adjt Genl at Army Head Quarters with effect from date of joining vice Bt Lieut Col H B B Watkis whose tenure has expired.

The undermentioned temporary appointment is made with effect from the date specified:—Major M Cowper 10th Regt of Bengal The Duke of Cambridges Own Lancers to be Depy Asst Qrmr Genl at Army Head Qurters vice Capt I Philipps and in relief of Capt H Hudson on field servce China dated 21st Aug 1900.

FIELD OPERATIONS—CHINA.

Col G M C B Davis M D C B D S O I M S Bengal is appointed Principal Medical Officer of the British Contingent China Expeditionary Force vice Col J T B Bookey Indian Medical Seavice Bengal invalided.

INDIAN STAFF CORPS.

Subject to H M's approval the undermentioned Majors are granted the temporary rank of Lieut Col whilst serving as regimental commandants Indian Army:—G A Gott, L S H Baker, H W E Georges and A Wallace.

INDIAN SUBORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Command.

The undermentioned second class Asst Surgeons having completed seven years' service in that class to be first class Asst Surgeons with effect from the 29th Sept 1900:—C M DeSouza and A B Gardiner.

NATIVE ARMY.

The following promotions are made in the undermentioned regiments:—

10th Regt of Bo L I—Subadar Bucharam Ghorepuri to be Subadar Major, Jemadar Muhammad Kasim to be Subadar and Havildar Khandu Jadow to be Jemadar vice Muhammad Ibrahim Sardar Bahadur transferred to the pension establishment with effect from the 16th June 1900; and Jemadar Anandin Pande to be Subadar and Havildar Haidar Khan to be Jemadar vice Gulgar Singh transferred to the pension establishment with effect from the 6th May 1900.

16th Regt. of Bo. Infy.—Jemadar Shaikh Babu to be Subadar and Havildar Shaikh Ebrahim from the 28th Regt of Bo Infy Pioneers to be Jemadar vice Rahim Khan transferred to the pension establishment with effect from the 17th Aug 1900.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut Col E G Russell M B I M S Bengal has been permitted by the Secy of State for India to retire from the service with effect from the 27th Aug 1900 subject to H Ms approval.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Lieut D H Gibsone R I M Asst Surveyor 4th class Marine Survey of India is permitted to revert to general duty in the Royal Indian Marine with effect from the 1st Oct.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Major E W Walton R E Ex Engr 2nd grade State Railways is on return from leave posted to the Estabt under the Director of Railway Construction for employment on the North Western Railway.

Capt P Ashworth R E Ex Engr 3rd grade temporary rank State Railway was on return from privilege leave attached to the Office of the Consulting Engr for Railways Bombay from the 15th to the 23rd Sept 1900 inclusive

It is hereby notified for general information that the Rt Hon the Secy of State for India has in Despatch No 82 Railway dated the 6th Sept 1900 accorded sanction to a revised estimate amounting to Rs. 19,58,040 for the construction of a bridge of 13 spans of 150 feet each over the Teesta river at Kaunia on the Northern section of the Eastern Bengal State Railway

Mr N B Copley is promoted from class III grade 1 of the Superior Revenue Estabt of State Railways Traffic Dept to class II grade 4 of that Estabt with effect from the 1st April 1900

With reference to Public Works Dept Notification No 401 dated 4th Oct 1900 Mr R N Hodges Suptdg Engr 1st class State Railways is on return from privilege leave appointed Engineer in Chief of the Jherriah Connection Survey.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The s s Akbar, 1,440 tons, Captain G W Baldwin, cleared yesterday, for Calcutta, with a cargo of salt.

The B I S N Co's s s Dwarka, 759 tons, Captain W H Rothwell, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Karachi, 13th October, via Kathiawar coast ports, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs Randle, MissRandle, Mr Carroll, Brigadier-General F Ventris, Mr Nursingdas and 918 deck.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—October 16.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date. Agent.
Tenasserim		Greet		Receiving Hulk
Abyssinia		Greet	Wet Basin	Turret-ship
Plassy				Torpedo Catcher
Pomone		Symons	Wet Basin	Royal Navy
Sphinx		Phillips		Royal Navy
Clive		Baugh	Dry Dock	R I M
Canning		Piffard		R I Marine
Chyebassa	1688	Forbes		M M & Co
Pekin	2522	Hayward		P & O Co
Mars	2497	Curtis		P & O S N Co
Assyria	970	MacLean		M M & Co
Itinda	3362	Clarke		M M & Co
Kilwa	993	Whitehead		M M & Co
Assaye		Coates		Torpedo Catcher
Vulcan	2211	Vassey		M M & Co
Annam	2338	Poydenaut		M M & Co
Peninsular	3287	Leigh		P & O Co

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
16	Annam s	Poydenaut	Marseilles, Sept 30
	Dwarka s	Rothwell	Karachi, Oct 13

DEPARTURE.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
16	Marca s	Adams	Rangoon, &c

The steamer Akbar, Captain Baldwin, obtained her port clearance yesterday, for Calcutta.

The steamer Peninsular, entered for loading yesterday for Aden.

DAILY IMPORTS.—October 16.

From Glasgow.

Britannia s—10 bales paper L Sullemanjee; 91 cases confectionery A H Nuzerally.
City of Dublin s—10 cases whisky H S Smith and Co.
Clan Lamont s—10 cases whisky H S Smith and Co.
Clan Mackenzie s—20 cases whisky H J Rustomjee and Co.

From Liverpool.

Clan Murray s—6 cases whisky A S Moos.

From Hamburg.

Rothenfels s—1 qr cask rectified spirit M P Baria; 1 hogshead brandy L B Fraser and Sons.
Rheinfels s—1 hogshead rectified spirit Jamsetji Nowroji.

From New York.

Britannia s—27 cases medicine H Mooljee and Co.

From Trieste.

Vindobona s—26 bales brown paper H Abdoolally.

From Charente.

Eden Hall s—10 cases brandy H J Rustomjee and Co.

From Bordeaux.

Arabia s—50 cases brandy H J Rustomjee and Co.
Egypt s—45 cases brandy H J Rustomjee and Co.
Caledonia s—50 cases brandy H J Rustomjee and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—October 16.

For London.

Caledonia s—1 bale skin Hajee Mamed Abba; 64 cwt deer horns J M Rehimtoola; 97 bales skins and hides W and A Graham and Co; 19 hogsheads Indian condiments M M Poonjiajee and Sons; 9 bales skins Noormamed Joosub; 16 bales skins Ewart Latham and Co; 31 cwt aloes and 15 cwt dry chillies Ebrahim Currim; 2 cases tale J A Begbie and Co; 14 bales hides N Joosub; 30 bales skins Cassam Esa and Co; 64 cases medical seeds, 4 bags medical roots and 26 bales medical herbs Bertie Smith and Co.

For Havre.

Clan Lamont s—57 cwt lac and 37 cwt bees wax R Dosa and Co; 1000 cwt myrabollams Khjee Oomersey.

For Liverpool.

Britannia s—40 bales hemp Hurjee Hunsraz.

For Antwerp.

Clan Lamont s—22 bales hemp and 45 bales cotton waste Tyabjee and Co; 120 bales hemp Seervai and Chinai; 100 bales cotton h Spinner and Co.

For New York.

Caledonia s—3 bales woollen carpets Latham and Co.

For Hongkong.

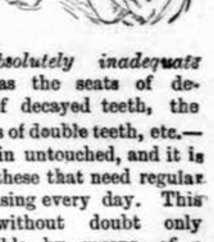
Bisagno s—100 bales twist Talati and Co; 2 bales skins M M Essabhoy.

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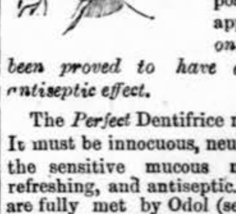
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ECHOES OF SCIENCE.

DR. JAGADIS CHUNDER BOSE has made some important observations on the relation of electrical disturbances in the ether to chemical reactions. He considers that the action of the so-called "coherer" in the wireless telegraph is similar to the photographic action of light on chemicals, and prefers to call it a "molecular receiver." The material of the receiver, in fact, suffers an allotropic change which increases or diminishes its resistance to an electric current according to the nature of the material. Potassium, for example, increases, whereas iron filings diminish, in resistance under the electric waves. The action of the electric waves on the "coherer" circuit, that is to say, the receiver of the wireless telegraph is, perhaps, analogous to that of light on the optic nerve. The earlier view that heat was the cause of the "cohering" effect has few supporters now.

Mr. N. S. Amstutz, an American, has invented what he calls an "acrograph," which is described in the "Electrical World and Engineer." It translates the variations of relief in a carbon print into variations of depth in a line cut by a graver into a metal plate, thus producing an engraved plate which can be printed from. No damage is done to the carbon print in the process.

American lifts are now being provided with air mattresses in the bottom of the shaft to break the shock of an accidental descent. The mattresses ought to fill the shaft for one-sixth of its total height. Thus in the lift of the Empire Building, New York, there are air beds for 45 feet at the base of the shaft, which is 251 feet high. These beds are provided with suitable air valves. A trial proved that eggs in the cabin or car of the lift were unbroken after its sudden descent from the twentieth storey. Surely a buffer that would take up less room might be invented for this purpose.

A new grapnel for submarine cables devised by M. Rouillard is described in the "Electricien," Paris. It has only a single fluke or prong, which is kept at right angles to the sea-bottom. For rocky bottoms he has introduced a centipede grapnel with a number of teeth in pairs at right angles to one another, and to keep the rocks from breaking the teeth each has a guard in the form of a counter-tooth, not so near the other that the cable cannot slip through the gap between them. Many of the ordinary centipede grapnels are broken by catching on the coral rock of the bottom.

Galton's whistle gives notes beyond the upper limit of hearing, which is rather over 50,000 complete vibrations a second. A new form of the whistle made by Herr Edelmann and described in the "Annalen der Physik," gives 170,000 vibrations a second. The blast from a ring-shaped mouthpiece impinges on the sharp edge of a small circular pipe and makes it sound.

A pocket cinematograph or chronophotographer is the latest French novelty, and the French are now running the Americans very hard in such matters. It is the invention of M. Gaumont, of the Comptoir General de Photographie, 57, Rue Saint Roche, Paris.

A pilot boat, the Bonita, 75 tons register, was sunk by a whale off San Francisco Bay on July 20. She was one of the finest of her class, and since 1892 had been stationed off the Golden Gate. It was a thick fog at the time, and the officers and men were at supper. The shock on striking the whale made them suppose a collision had occurred, but instead of a ship they saw a huge grey whale. The vessel was stove in, but kept afloat until the small boats were launched. The California grey whale is the largest of the species, and one caught in the same waters forty years ago measured 97 feet in length.

At Nantucket South Shoal lighthouse a mast is to be erected for the wireless telegraph so that ships can signal their arrival.

Dr. Thorpe's report on the work of the Government laboratory shows that boric acid is often put in butter to preserve it, especially the butter from France, Holland, Belgium and Australia. Annatto and coal-tar yellow are the commonest colouring matters in butter. Dr. Thorpe has produced a filter satisfying the requirements of the Board of Trade that passenger ships must carry a germ filter for the water.

Dr. E. A. Goeldi, Directory of the Natural History and Ethnographical Museum of Para, Brazil, has published a memoir on burial caves of an extinct tribe of Indians on the Rio Cunany. Each cave is a circular shaft 8 feet 2 1-2 inches deep, 3 feet 41-4 inches across, and closed by a large disc of granite. A chamber of crescent shape was cut in the earth at the bottom of the shaft and in it were placed earthenware vessels of peculiar design painted red. Some of the vases represent the human figure, others have animals moulded on them in high relief.

Professor Rhys, in his address to the Anthropological Section of the British Association, suggested that our Fairies, or Little People, might have a real foundation in a primitive dwarfish race. In Wales there was a people called "coranians" ("cor," a dwarf), and in England the Coritani of the fens between the Trent and Norfolk. In Northamptonshire there is also a Pytchley from Pict's Lea, or Meadon, and in Scotland there are Picts or "Peeht's, houses," of underground chambers and a grassy mound over them. In Gaelic "ben side" is probably "mound woman," or banshee. The word for dwarf in an old Irish legends is corr, usually applied to a crane or heron, and Professor Rhys thinks it was applied by the Celts, or rather Celtic-speakers, to the remnants of an earlier race.

He asks if this race was the Lapps, but we may perhaps call his attention to the Crani of the Mediterranean, notably the Grecian islands, especially as Geoffry of Monmouth draws Corineus, the companion of Brut, and legendary ancestor of the Cornish, from the Mediterranean. There were dwarfish metal workers and cave dwellers along the Mediterranean, and their descendants are there still.

In a paper to the Anthropological Institute, Dr. Westermarck shows from investigations in Morocco that the Arab ginn, or gnun, are regarded as a special race of beings created before Adam, of no fixed form, and assuming, like Proteus, who was, perhaps, a personage of the same extraction, almost any shape they please. Bad ginns attack men, but are kept away by alt or steel, and verses of the Koran. The author supposes that the belief in ginns has come down from a saltless and ironless age, but was absorbed and developed at a later time under the influence of Islam.

Dr. Morton, of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, signals a crab weighing 30lbs., caught in Tasmanian waters last July. It is a Psilocranium gigas, usually found in 15 to 30 fathoms, while fishing for the Tasmanian Trumpeter fish. The specimen is one of the largest ever caught at Tasmania.

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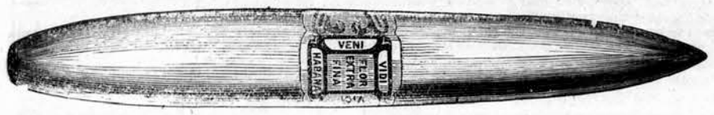
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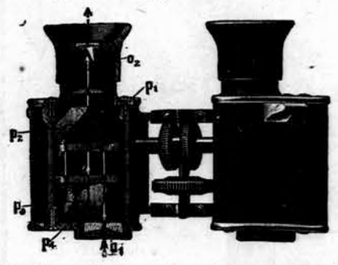
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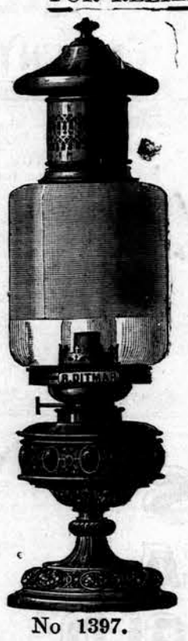
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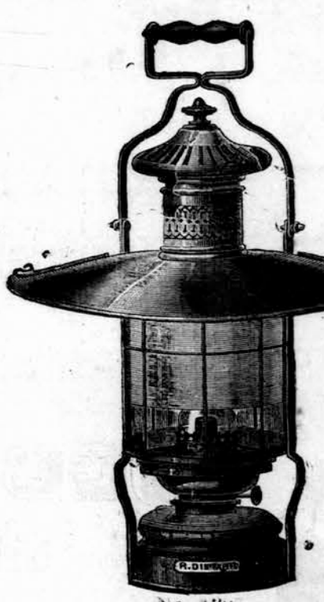
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